



The InnerNet

February 2026

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

January has been like none I can remember. Temperatures colder than in recent memory. Ice and snow across the country. Violence and death and distrust. And monks. Quiet, walking monks. Monks carrying a simple sign "Walk for Peace." Monks gracious enough to receive hospitality. To be dependent on others. To press on even in the frigid cold. And now, into February and Ash Wednesday and Lent and it all can feel so very heavy.

Michael Curry, retired bishop of the Episcopal Church, in his book *Crazy Christians*, says this:

I love to sing the hymn that says, "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, 'Christian follow me.'" Maybe you love to sing it, too. But I'd like to change one word in that first line. I'd like it to read, "Jesus calls us; **to** the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea." Because I believe that Jesus calls us not just "o'er" our life's wild, restless sea, but straight into the middle of that restless, terrifying sea. I believe Jesus calls us, if you will, to join the crew of his lifesaving station and get out on the sea, to rescue those who [are drowning]. Jesus does not call us to serve from the safety of the shore; Jesus calls us to serve in the midst of the storm.¹

Storms seem to have become the norm. And it all feels overwhelming and our efforts seem so inconsequential. But Church, they are not. What we do matters. In our baptismal promises, we are called to "strive for justice and peace in all the earth." Only recently has it occurred to me that our country and our community are included in "all the earth." It seems somehow easier (and it is definitely safer) when "all the earth" is over "there," as opposed to "right here."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "The Church is the Church only when it exists for others."²

And St. Teresa of Avila said:

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks [with]
Compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.³

May we be made bold to live and love like Jesus. Stepping into the tumult, in order to help up those the world has shoved down. Person by person by person. May Lent be a time for reflection and consideration of what Jesus would have us do in such a time as this as we strive for justice and peace.

God's peace and much love ~

+ Pr. Sara

¹ Michael Curry, *Crazy Christians* (2013), 67.

² Ibid, 68

³ Ibid, 83

Worship Service Live Streaming:

<https://www.youtube.com/@livingsaviourlutheranchurch/streams>
or through our website: www.livingsaviourlc.org

Congregation Acknowledgements!!

February Anniversaries

2/6 - Chuck and Erin Malinowski (33)

2/10 - Pastor Sara and Cliff Ilderton (24)



February Birthdays

2/1 - Henry Allen

2/6 - Alicia Cook, Maria Rozhin

2/10 - Tom Chriske

2/11 - Cathy Lyall

2/13 - John Maisel

2/15 - Eric Krantz

2/16 - Patty Garrison, Linda Poley

2/17 - Elsie McGlone

2/19 - Collin Quinlan

2/22 - George Shabla, Anna Pearce

2/23 - Matthew Noonkester

2/24 - Janet Mayer, Pat Snodgrass

2/28 - Jeff Haigler



Summary of 18 January 2026 Council Meeting

The property team has scheduled the replacement of the thermostats and sensors in the HVAC system for February 17. There was an inspection by the Fire Marshal and Ken Lesser is working on correcting the infractions found during the inspection.

Three of our youth are going to the LYO meeting in Greensboro in February. Health and Wholeness is interested in developing a meditation garden and is working with property to find a suitable area.

The stewardship committee wants to highlight different ministries each month with a short presentation before the worship service. In February, the Worship and Music Ministry will be highlighted.

The Fellowship Committee would like to have breakfast on Easter Sunday before worship service, with members bringing breakfast casseroles. The next fifth Sunday potluck lunch will be on 29 March.

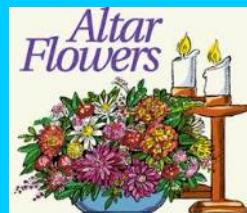
The Finance Committee presented the proposed 2026-2027 budget to the council for approval. The budget will now be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting for approval.

The council is planning a retreat for the weekend of February 20-22, and the February council meeting will be held during the retreat.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The **2026** Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-59914487-2026#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CACAC29A6F4C16-59914487-2026#/)



Church Information!!

2026	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 held during the Council Retreat (Feb 20-22).

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

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February Noisy Offering

Our February Noisy Offering (2/15/26) will go to **Fields of Hope**. Fields of Hope is a 501(c)3 organization that operates with faith-based values. We do not discriminate on the basis of religion or force those we serve to share in our beliefs. We offer a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment with a focus on holistic, trauma-informed care, to give hope and foster healing for survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking. We are meeting survivors where they are, on the way to where they are going. We believe in the individual care of each survivor physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

Visit their website to learn more: <https://www.wearefieldsofhope.org/>

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.

Your Offerings:

Contribute directly to the church through link on the website,
using the QR code or by mail to:

Living Saviour
6817 Carmel Road
Charlotte, NC 28226



Ministry Highlights!

During the month of February our special ministry focus will be Worship & Music. Worship is at the heart of Christian life, and it is the center of our life together at LSLC. The Worship and Music Committee's job is to make sure that this tradition of excellent and varied worship services continues, thanks to the music director, organist, altar guild, crucifers and acolytes, assisting ministers, communion assistants, choirs and special musicians, nursery care, sanctuary decoration for festival services, and our technology team which streams our services. Special areas of this ministry will be highlighted before each service in February, so plan to come early into the sanctuary to see videos and slides of this important ministry!

Ministry of Health and Wholeness

The February theme is Women and Heart Disease

Tip#1: Heart disease is the most common cause of death in both women and men in our country but women often have different heart attack symptoms than men. Chest pain is the most common symptom of a heart attack for both sexes, but this symptom is not always present. Women are more likely than men to have these heart attack symptoms:

- Neck, jaw, shoulder, upper back or upper stomach pain
- Shortness of breath
- Unusual extreme fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting, sweating
- Heartburn or indigestion
- Pain in one or both arms

Call 911 for help right away if you have symptoms of a heart attack. Don't drive yourself to the hospital.

Ministry of Health and Wholeness

Women and Heart Disease

Did you know that women are different than men - even in heart disease? Also did you know that heart disease is the #1 killer in women? Symptoms of a heart attack are different in women. Women are more likely to suffer from back pain, nausea, extreme fatigue or even jaw pain during a heart attack. These are very different warning signs than you see in male heart attack victims.

Underlying heart conditions, birth control pills, smoking, poor diet, and lack of exercise all contribute to heart disease in women. Heart screenings should be included in your regular primary care checkups starting in your early 20's. This should include monitoring your BP, cholesterol, weight, and glucose levels. Heart disease increases after menopause due to lack of heart protection from estrogen. Thyroid imbalances also lead to heart damage.

Women are less likely to receive CPR in public during cardiac arrest according to the American Heart Association. Also the odds of survival for men were 23% greater than for women after discharge from the hospital. Women need to pay attention to their heart and notice if activities they normally do are suddenly more difficult. If this is the case consider getting your heart checked. Don't hesitate to call emergency services (911) if you could be suffering a heart attack. Minutes count in preventing heart damage.

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.



Room In The Inn - Winter 2026

February Volunteer Schedule:

DATE	SUN. VAN DRIVER MON. VAN DRIVER	LUGGAGE CAR SUN PM MON AM	SUN MEAL PROVIDER	OVERNIGHT HOSTS	BAG LUNCH PROVIDER	MON CLEAN UP	LAUNDRY
FEB. 1	Kevin Lyall	Wendy Roberts	Aliah Church	Jerry Putnam Paul Sullivan	Pat Sipe	Tom Tobin	Axtman family
	Kevin Lyall	Debby Borrelli					
FEB. 8	Frank DeLoache Chuck Moore	Tom Tobin Alice Jenkins	Pat Sipe & Donna Thomas	Pastor Sara Paul Sullivan	Troop 165 M Armstrong/ A. Thom	Cathy Lyall	Pastor Sara & Linda Hatcher
FEB. 15	Steve Axtman Chuck Moore	Tom Tobin Gregg Mitchell	Sun. School R. Hinson L. Schwab S. Plunkett	Lyn Addy Sally Ganz	Wendy & Lauren Roberts	Pastor Sara	Debby Borrelli
FEB. 22	Chuck Moore Chuck Moore	Frank Deloache Debby Borrelli	Axtman family	Chuck Moore Alice Jenkins	Sandra Sample & Elsie Davis	Marty Jenkins	ALL HANDS ON DECK! YEAR END LAUNDRY

Need more information?

Contact Alice Jenkins at jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com or
Michele Sullivan at tiainsley2@gmail.com!

Birthday/Anniversary/Get Well Soon/Thinking of You Cards

Are you looking for a way to get involved? Would you like to participate in an important ministry from home? We are looking for one or two people to take on sending cards on behalf of LSLC. We will supply the cards, stamps and the list of recipients. If you are interested, please reach out to Linda Hatcher.

QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilt Ministry will meet on February 3, 2026. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

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!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on February 10, 2026. We will continue having our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room.

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.

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 Artifice of Intelligence: Divine and Human Relationship in a Robotic Age* by Noreen Herzeld.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming ubiquitous. Whatever its arrival portends for our future, whether riches or ruin, it cannot be avoided. This book explores two questions at the heart of a theological response to AI. Is it possible for human beings to have authentic relationships with AI? How does the increasing presence of AI change the way humans relate to one another?

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.
- High School Hangout - Monthly in Pastor Sara's office

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

The Group meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room.

On February 18, we will begin discussing our new book, *With Open Hands* by Henri J. M. Nouen. It is available in Barnes and Nobles, as well as on Amazon. We would love to have you join us!

GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month.

We will meet in February on the 12th and 26th at 6:15pm.

Please bring your own dinner.

Praying for Possibilities!



1/26-2/2 - Ray & Ken Kilminster

2/2-2/9 - Pastor Linda Hatcher & Anita Mitchell

2/9-2/16 - Pastor Sara & Corky Carver

2/16-2/23 - Sue Hunsinger & Michelle Sullivan

2/23-3/2 - Lillian Stephens & Nancy Mersereau

MUSIC MINISTRY

We are always eager to welcome newcomers to leadership roles in the music ministry. Winter months are a perfect time to join since preparations begin for Lent and Easter. Opportunity for serving is available in several areas.

CHANCEL CHOIR

- Rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, and again on Sundays at 9:15 AM
- 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 before or after worship and on Wednesday at announced times.
- Ring for worship approximately every 5 weeks.
- Experience—NONE required. We'll teach you!

FESTIVAL CHOIR

- For folks who just can't make a weekly commitment but would like to sing occasionally
- You choose when you want to sing: Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Reformation, Advent, Christmas Concert, Christmas Eve, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, just to name a few.
- Festival Choir participants augment our Chancel Choir

INSTRUMENTALIST

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

Consider being a part of the music ministry team. Oftentimes, music speaks to people in ways that mere words do not. It is a powerful gift from God. 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! Please speak with Don to explore the possibilities.

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting 5:00p.m. Room In The Inn	2 5:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165 - Court of Honor 6:15 p.m. Yoga	3 6:00 a.m. First Tuesday Coffee 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265	4 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	6	7 10:00 a.m. Yoga 3:00 p.m. John Farris' Funeral
8 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 5:00p.m. Room In The Inn	9 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265	11 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable 6:15 p.m. Yoga	13	14 10:00 a.m. Yoga
15 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 5:00p.m. Room In The Inn	16 President's Day - Office Closed 6:15 p.m. Yoga	17 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265	18 Ash Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	20 Council Retreat	21 Council Retreat/ Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. Yoga
22 Council Retreat 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 5:00p.m. Room In The Inn	23 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265	25 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Lent Soup, Study & Sacrament 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable 6:15 p.m. Yoga	27	28 10:00 a.m. Yoga

Beginning, Feb. 25 and continuing during Lent, please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m. for a time of conversation and communion. We will share a simple meal of soup, as we gather around tables, watch a short video, share thoughts reflecting on how what we watched speaks to living and loving like Jesus and then worship together. We hope you'll be there.