



The InnerNet

June 2026

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

I don't remember whether it was Kay or Pr. Charlie who, a little over a year ago, first introduced me to "Unfolding Light" (a daily poem, by Pr. Steve Garnaas-Holmes, reflecting on the upcoming week's assigned readings¹). And by the time this InnerNet reaches your email box, we will already have heard the gospel lesson that contains Matthew's Great Commission (which is the inspiration for his poem, below). That said, I think what he says here matters greatly. Likely, it always has but feels even more important these days when it seems that, rather than modelling or being examples, folks are trying to yell or shame each other into line (whatever they interpret being "in line" means).

(By the way, the word "disciple" here, is a verb: Go disciple people everywhere...Go be a model for people everywhere, an example of what it means to claim to be a follower of the risen one.)

By your example

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.
—Matthew 28.19

By your example,
you can make of anyone you meet
a student of love,
a practitioner of kindness,
a follower in the way
of deep trust in grace.

By your example
you may so touch people
that something in them heals;
you can so intrigue people
that they want to follow.

You will not convince anyone.
But you may allure them.
They will not drop everything,
but something in them may be changed.

It's not you, of course,
it's the Spirit you bear.
Be a vessel.

Blessings on you and on any summer travelling you may do. And blessings on your example.
+ Pr. Sara

¹ You can sign up to receive daily "Unfolding Light" emails by clicking the link below:
<https://unfoldinglight.net/category/reflections/>

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

UPCOMING IN JUNE

SMITHFIELD ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We are hosting an ice cream social for the staff at Smithfield on Wednesday, June 3rd at 2:30pm at the school. Help is needed to serve and clean up. Please contact Kathy DeLoache if you can help!

YOUTH HANGOUT - SUMMER KICKOFF

Who: Families of kids who are ready for SUMMER! All ages!

When: June 7, 3:00PM

Where: 4356 Cole Creek Dr, Indian Land, SC

What to bring: Swimsuits/towels, a snack or appetizer to share

Expect water games and fellowship! Paper products and drinks will be provided!

RSVP and questions: Amanda Thom - 704-488-3285

JUNE NOISY OFFERING

Our June Noisy Offering will go to **Legal Aid of North Carolina**. Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity. Legal Aid of North Carolina is an innovative, creative, progressive, and efficient civil legal service provider to the poor, working toward an inclusive justice system. All voices are valued, heard, and respected. Unlike criminal cases, there is no guaranteed right to an attorney in civil legal matters—cases involving eviction, domestic violence, or loss of benefits, to name a few. For thousands who cannot afford a lawyer, this means facing some of life's toughest battles completely alone, without the guidance or support they desperately need. This is where Legal Aid steps in—providing a voice and hope when it feels like the odds are stacked against you.

Learn more on their website: <https://legalaidnc.org/>

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation and Youth/Children's Sunday School Classes will break for the summer and resume after Labor Day! Hope everyone has a great summer break!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

Book/Bible Study is currently on summer break and will resume meeting in September.

G@THERING AT THE TABLE BIBLE STUDY

G@thering at the Table meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays and takes a look at the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. We will break for summer and resume in September.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Living Saviour Lutheran Preschool (LSLP), originally opened in 1983 as "Living Saviour Tot's Day Out," has been a trusted part of the church and local community for over four decades. Today, LSLP offers a variety of classes for children ages one to five, with small class sizes that are led by loving teachers supported by a dedicated director, Mrs. Elsie and board members (a mix of church members and parents of LSLP students). Our preschool continues to see steady enrollment growth as families recognize the quality and care we provide. We're also excited to offer our summer camp throughout June and July, giving children additional opportunities to learn, play, and thrive in a warm, nurturing environment.

Check out their website here: <https://www.lslpreschool.com/>

FINANCE UPDATE for Q1 2026 (FEB-APRIL)

| INCOME | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Actual Income | \$106,194.07 |
| Budgeted Income | \$110,584.50 |
| Difference | -\$4,390.43 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Actual Expenses | \$110,659.59 |
| Budgeted Expenses | \$112,623.66 |
| Difference | \$1,964.07 |
| | |
| INCOME VS EXPENSE DIFFERENCE | -\$4,465.52 |

Thank you for your faithful support of Living Saviour Lutheran Church! Because of your generosity, our ministries thrive, our facilities remain welcoming, and our staff can serve with joy. You are the strength that makes our mission possible!

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity.



Congregation Acknowledgements

June Anniversaries

- 6/10 - Ray & Glenda Kilminster (31)
Bill & Sandy Larsen (54)
Ronnie & Lynn Stephens (60)
Pastor Charlie & Kay Zimmerman (54)
6/14 - Pastor Jay & Geraldine Harbinson (67)
6/15 - Andrew & Amanda Thom (18)
6/27 - Bob & Shari Fleischacker (34)
Bruce & Beth Melosh (39)
6/29 - George & Cathy Shabla (52)



June Birthdays

- 6/1 - Aliah Church, Dan Haseley
6/2 - Addison Noonkester, Andrew Thom
6/7 - Gary Borley, Charles Gribble
6/9 - Devin McCarthy
6/11 - Arlene Treutle-Levine
6/12 - Frank Kuhn
6/13 - Donna Thomas
6/14 - Judy Frye
6/18 - Linda Frixen
6/19 - Tanner Axtman
6/20 - Sandy Larsen
6/21 - David Frixen, Sherry Wooldridge
6/22 - Moss Hathcock
6/25 - Bill Hatcher
6/27 - Bruce Melosh
6/28 - Pat Sipe
6/30 - Ande Malinowski



Ministry of Health and Wholeness

The June theme is summer safety.

Tip#1: Prevent dehydration and heat exhaustion with frequent water breaks and avoiding prolonged exposure to heat and sun. Extreme heat can cause involuntary muscle spasms with heavy sweating and fatigue. Heat exhaustion is more serious and presents with symptoms of heavy sweating, clammy skin, dizziness, nausea, headache, rapid pulse and extreme weakness. Immediately move to a cool area and apply cool wet cloths. Heat stroke is life threatening with symptoms of confusion, slurred speech, hot and dry skin, seizures or loss of consciousness. Call 911 immediately. Aggressively cool the body with ice packs and wet towels until help arrives.

Isaiah 4:6 There will be shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

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.



Please reach out to the instructor prior to your first class.

Yoga 4 You with Lori: <https://Ready4Yoga.com/>

Chair Yoga with Debbie: www.feelgoodyogagirl.com

Tai Chi Classes

Are you interested in starting Tai Chi? This is your lucky day! David Blont is a Tai Chi master, and he teaches every Tuesday at St John's Episcopal Church on Carmel Rd. Contact Laura Michael at 980-214-7171 to get details and to pre-register.



STRONGER TOGETHER

Sessions on Caregiving and Caregiver Support

Tuesday, June 16

9:00am-1:00pm

Rowan County Events Center

1965 Jake Alexander Boulevard W, Salisbury, NC

Engaging Presentations • Doorprizes • Caregiver Resource Fair



RSVP to Lakeshia Davis
704.216.8489
lakeshia.davis@rowancountync.gov

Presented By:



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♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Summer generally provides for a more relaxed, less structured lifestyle. So why not take a break from your 9 month routine and do something different! Here's a couple of ideas.

SUMMER CHOIR

- Join our regular choir any or all Sundays mid-June through the month of July.
- Rehearsal Sunday mornings prior to worship.
- No robes! Come and practice, then sit with the assembly until its time to sing during the offering.
- You'll enjoy leading worship through song and fellowship with regular choir members.
- All are welcome, middle school, high school, and adults, regardless of vocal ability!

SUMMER HANDBELLS

- Experience the joy of handbell ringing, starting from scratch.
- Learn ringing technique and musical note reading and rhythm skills.
- Sessions begin as soon as we have folks interested in participating.
- Sessions take place on Sunday mornings before or after worship for about 45 minutes.

WOMEN'S CHOIR

- All women are invited to form a women's chorus
- Date is July 19
- Rehearsal before church
- All are welcome, middle and high school, and adults, regardless of vocal ability

HYMN SING

- Enjoy singing your favorite hymns together
- Takes place before worship
- July 5—Patriotic songs. We'll have a song sheet for you.
- July 12 and 26—you pick the songs out of the hymnal.

Consider being a part of any or all of the above. Questions? Please see Don Huff.

SDG- Soli Deo Gloria (to God alone be glory)
Don

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning on June 12th, the church office will be closed on Fridays. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm.

QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilt Ministry will meet next on June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month, but we will take a break over the summer.

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 be on break for June, July and August. We will resume our meetings on September 8th 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.

Church Information!!

| 2026 | LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Name | Council Position |
| Rev. Linda Hatcher | President/Lay Care |
| Debby Borrelli | Vice President/Finance |
| Pat Snodgrass | Secretary/Worship & Music |
| Aliah Church | Faith Formation |
| Linda Frixen | Stewardship |
| Laura Michael | Health & Wholeness |
| Ken Leeser | Property |
| Margie Peters | Fellowship |
| Paul Sullivan | Communications |
| Amanda Thom | Youth |
| Donna Thomas | Outreach |
| Kay Zimmerman | Technology |
| | |
| Susan Hall | Treasurer |
| Janet Axtman | Property |
| Pr. Sara Ilderton | Pastor |

The next Council Meeting will be held on June 20, 2026

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

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|---|--------------------------------|
| The Reverend Sara Ilderton , Pastor | pastorsara@livingsaviourlc.org |
| Don Huff , Minister of Worship and Music | dhuff@livingsaviourlc.org |
| Nancy Mersereau , Organist and Music Assistant | nancyqqq@aol.com |
| Laura Schwab , Office Administrator | office@lslc.church |
| Susan Hall , Treasurer | finance@lslc.church |
| Carla Gearheart , Childcare Provider | carla.gearheart@yahoo.com |
| Elsie Davis , Preschool Director | preschool@lslc.church |

Summary of 17 May 2026 Council Meeting

The Council Executive Committee went over the plans for the mid-year retreat. It will be held at the church on Saturday 20 June 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm.

There was discussion about what events to have for God's Work. Our Hands on 13 September 2026. Suggestions were to do landscaping on church grounds, to make neighbor bags, to do backpacks for Smithfield Elementary (which would need to be done before the school year starts), to do kitchen clean up, to see if ABA needs anything done at their new property, and to do quilt squares. Council members will contact people to head up these events and report back at the June meeting.

The Finance Committee is preparing a first quarter report for the congregation that will be sent out in an eBlast, as well as in the newsletter.

The Faith Formation ministry has been contacting members with children to see if there is enough interest in the bRIDGE program to proceed forward, and the response was positive, so the council approved enrolling in the program.

The council approved the changes to our constitution which included changes required by the ELCA & some which were only suggested by the ELCA and will be sent to the Synod for approval. Once we have approval from the Synod, there will be a called congregational meeting to approve the changes.

PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES

5/25-6/1 - Mary Ann Eller & Janet Axtman

6/1-6/8 - Pastor Charlie & Kay Zimmerman

6/8-6/15 - Ken & Ray Kilminster

6/15-6/22 - Pastor Linda Hatcher & Anita Mitchell

6/22-6/29 - Pastor Sara Ilderton & Corky Carver

6/29-7/6 - Sue Hunsinger & Michele Sullivan



JUNE 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|-----------|---|--|---|
| | 1 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165 | 2 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chase 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry | 3 | 4 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga | 5 3:00 p.m. Nancy Mersereau Piano Recital | 6 10:00 a.m. Yoga |
| 7 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 2:00 p.m. Pat Moehring Piano Recital | 8 5:00 p.m. Scout Court of Honor 6:15 p.m. Yoga | 9 9:30 a.m. Yoga | 10 | 11 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga | 12 Church Office Closed | 13 10:00 a.m. Yoga |
| 14 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed | 15 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165 | 16 9:30 a.m. Yoga | 17 | 18 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga | 19 Juneteenth Holiday - Church Office Closed | 20 10:00 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Council Retreat |
| 21 - Father's Day 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed | 22 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165 | 23 9:30 a.m. Yoga | 24 | 25 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga | 26 Church Office Closed | 27 10:00 a.m. Yoga |
| 28 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed | 29 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165 | 30 9:30 a.m. Yoga | | | | |