



The InnerNet

August 2026

Grace to you and peace ~

As I am writing this, day one (of five) of Lutheroad Day Camp is under way. We have four counselors and an Area Director (supervisor) who came from Lutheridge in Arden, NC, five older youth from LSLC acting as "junior counselors" (three of whom will be here all day every day), about ten or so adult volunteers and a Russell working together to shepherd the thirty-plus "campers" who are gathered to learn about Jesus and the goodness of creation. Really, it is an amazing embodiment of our mission statement – beginning with "eagerly welcoming all."

I say that not only because of the way the counselors have been welcomed, but more profoundly, because of what I witnessed at our Sunday evening "Kick-off" Meet and Greet for Counselors, volunteers, campers and their families. A full 60+% of the campers are not members of LSLC. And nearly half of them (and one of the counselors) do not speak English as their primary language. Now, truth be told, kids (and young adults) know how to navigate the reality of language barriers – they do it every day and easily switch back and forth between languages in a way that is difficult for me to wrap my mind around. And while their parents can do it, it is harder for them...Likely not just because of the language itself, but because of the vulnerability that is exposed with slower processing and the anxiety I imagine comes from speaking with a different accent. Add to that, the grief of being away from their native country and the knowledge of what ravages war is taking on a place they love (most of our non-English speakers are from Ukraine) and their courage is remarkable. What I saw on Sunday evening was adults of different backgrounds, languages, skin colors, etc. coming together, sharing tables and table fellowship without any real concern or fear. I saw young adult counselors eating at different tables with the campers and their parents, building relationships simply by their presence and I saw you present in the inclusive atmosphere of this faith community.

It doesn't take a lot – but in a world that seems not only to fear any who are deemed "other," but also to be bent on excluding those who differ, erring on the side of love, welcome and hospitality changes everything.

I don't want you ever to minimize the way our "eagerly welcoming all" is one way that we live into our mission of bringing healing, help and hope to the world.

God's peace and much love ~
+ Pr. Sara

UPCOMING IN AUGUST

MEMORY CARE WORKSHOP

The workshop began on July 15th and will run each Wednesday through August 19th. You can find more information in the Health & Wholeness section or by reaching out to Laura Michael.

SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY

August 17 - Sorting of school supplies at 11:30 a.m. at LSLC

August 19 - Back to School Breakfast for Smithfield Staff

Volunteers are needed for both of these events. Please reach out to Kathy DeLoache for more information.

School Supplies Needed: (printed lists are available on the entry table)

Backpacks	Composition Notebooks
Crayola Crayons	5-Subject Spiral Bound Notebooks
Sharpened Pencils	Kleenex
Glue Sticks	Clorox Wipes
Crayola Markers	Post-It Notes (various sizes)
Expo Markers	Copy Paper (8.5 x 11)

WORLD HUNGER DRIVE MEAL PACKING EVENT

August 15 - LSLC will be participating in the event at 10:30 am at St. Matthew Catholic Church. If you would like to participate, please reach out to Russell Hinson.

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

August 30 - more details to come

AUGUST NOISY OFFERING

Our August Noisy Offering will go to **Niner United**. Niner United is a Christian campus ministry at UNC Charlotte trying to be real. We are open to everybody. No litmus test. No pretending. We're rooted in historic church traditions (Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Methodist), but we're not stuck in the past. We believe in grace. We believe in Jesus. We believe in showing up.

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

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation & Youth/Children's Sunday School

Classes will break for the summer and resume after Labor Day!

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

SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For more than 15 years, Smithfield Elementary School has been one of LSLC's cherished ministry partners. Through the dedication of our members, we have supported students, teachers, and families in a variety of ways, including tutoring, reading programs, teacher appreciation events, and providing resources for those in need.

As part of this ongoing ministry, we hosted a Back-to-School Breakfast and provided back packs, tote bags, and school supplies to help students and teachers begin the year prepared and encouraged.

Throughout the year, Living Saviour continues to serve the school through food drives, emergency assistance for students in need of clothing or school supplies, and special events such as an end-of-year ice cream social for teachers and staff. These acts of service are received with deep gratitude by the principal and school community. We are thankful for the opportunity to share Christ's love through this ministry and look forward to continuing to support and encourage the students, teachers, and families of Smithfield Elementary in the coming school year.

WORSHIP AT THE PINES

In July, we began conducting Sunday Worship Services at The Pines on Carmel Road on the second and fourth Sundays each month at 2pm. The services include Hymns, Scriptures, a Sermon/Devotion/Reflection, Prayers, Communion, and the Lord's Prayer.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering. We are sure you will gain so much from the effort you put in and from the residents. If you have questions, please contact Steve Vick.

PRESCHOOL HELP NEEDED!

Our preschool needs our help to get ready for the school year! Come help organize, clean and assist with bulletin boards for the classrooms on Monday, August, 31st! From 9am-12pm! There is a sign up sheet on the entry table.

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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!

8/5 - Kathy & Frank DeLoache (48)
Russell Hinson & Steve Vick (18)
8/8 - Mary Ann & Tony Eller (62)
8/13 - Shallen & Ron Gordon (49)
8/20 - Cassie & Ryan Chandler
8/26 - Marge & John Sahr (59)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

8/5 - Patricia Maisel, Caden Noonkester
8/6 - Claire Biggs
8/7 - Shallen Gordon
8/9 - Riley Skidmore, Lillian Stephens
8/10 - Janet Axtman
8/13 - Benjamin Malin, Jr.
8/17 - Nate Forster
8/18 - Ann Reichart, Pam Williams
8/20 - Mark Ferriss
8/24 - Lucy Ilderton
8/27 - Eddie Sipe



Health and Wholeness Ministry

The August theme is centering for contemplative prayer.

Tip #1: "The spiritual journey begins with a pause, a centering-in-God pause, and overtime becomes a constant and ceaseless prayer, an honoring of and a connection with the Divine in you that awakens your essential self."

-Caroline Oakes

Centering prayer prepares us to commune with God. It is based on the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 6:6. "Enter your inner room" symbolized as the heart or inner self. "Close the door" symbolizing letting go of thoughts during this time. Finally, "pray in secret to the Father" who speaks to you beyond words.

Matthew 6:6 If you want to pray, enter your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret, and your Father in secret will reward you.

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

Memory Care Ministry Workshop

The memory care workshop is a free workshop held at 6:00 pm each Wednesday through August 19. Materials and refreshments are provided.

God's Work Our Hands

September 13, 2026 – After Worship



KITCHEN CLEAN-UP



We would like to have 5-7 people help with cleaning, sorting, and tossing outdated items in the church kitchen. We especially need a couple of folks who can climb stepstools and ladders to clean the HIGH areas – top of refrigerator, top of freezer, top of dishwasher, top shelves in cabinets.

QUILT MINISTRY



Our Quilt Ministry will present an opportunity for the congregation to assist in our ministry to provide quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Each quilt starts with 48 fabric squares. We will provide fabric remnants, a template for tracing, pens for tracing and scissors for cutting out the squares. Let's see how many squares can be cut out!



GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

Our goal for this workday is to clean up the beds in front of the church, the bed by the lower back door, and the pet memorial garden in the lower parking lot. This involves picking up the larger sticks, pulling and/or cutting weeds, and trimming any bushes or trees. Please bring gloves, loppers, trimmers and a bucket for the debris, if possible. You can wear work clothes to church or change afterwards. If it's too hot or raining, we'll work inside.

PIZZA LUNCH PROVIDED!

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

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.

Opportunity for serving is available in several areas:

CHANCEL CHOIR

- Rehearses on Wednesdays, beginning September 2 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 as announced.
- Ring for worship approximately every 5 weeks and other announced times.
- 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: 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. Let us know what your instrument is and we'll put you to work!!!

We always, always welcome newcomers to these opportunities. 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.

SDG (solo Deo gloria—to God alone be glory)

Don

QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilt Ministry will be on hiatus for the summer, but behind the scenes, help is needed! Here is how YOU can help us create quilts for Lutheran World Relief:

1. Cut squares from coordinating fabric which will become the colorful quilt tops. Bags with fabric, instructions, and a template are located on the counter in the short hallway between the Fellowship Hall and the Education wing.
2. Can you sew? We need your help in sewing the squares together to form the quilt tops. Bags with pre-cut squares and instructions are also located on the counter in the short hallway between the Fellowship Hall and the Education wing.
3. We use flat twin-size sheets as backing for the quilts. Donations are very welcome. (No white sheets, please.)

Please reach out to Alice Jenkins if you have any questions:

jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com

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.

SPACE RENTALS

Are you part of an organization that needs meeting space? Does your company have a need for special meeting space or employee recognition luncheons? How about a cooking or sewing or artistic class?

Our facility is a great space to recommend for outside businesses and organizations to rent out. Building Use is a category of income that in the past has contributed greatly to our bottom line. YOU are our biggest advertisement source, so spread the word!!

Reservations are made through the church office and different spaces have various rental fees. Please see Laura in the church office with questions.

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 Leaser	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 August 16, 2026

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

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Nancy Mersereau , Organist and Music Assistant	nancyqqq@aol.com
Laura Schwab , Office Administrator	office@lslc.church
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Carla Gearheart , Childcare Provider	carla.gearheart@yahoo.com
Elsie Davis , Preschool Director	preschool@lslc.church

Summary of 19 July 2026 Council Meeting

Pastor Sara had submitted a request for a grant that would fund a salaried staff position for a Children, Youth, Family (CYF) coordinator and it has been approved. Amanda Thom was recommended for this position, and the council approved this recommendation, and she accepted. Amanda will be leaving her council position after the August council meeting and start the CYF position on 1 September.

The plans for this year's God's Work/Our Hands has been decided, and signup sheets will be available soon.

The changes to our constitution suggested by the Synod have been made and sent back to the Synod for approval. Once that happens, the council will approve the changes and then they will be presented to the congregation for approval.

Long-term rental agreement updates have been approved and will be reviewed with groups using our facilities before they go into effect on 1 September 2026. The finance committee reports that last month was a good month, since several large donations that had been pledged were received. The committee has made a request to change our fiscal year from the current February 1 to January 31 to the traditional January 1 to December 31. This will mean that the 2027 budget year will be for 11 months (February to December), and after that, beginning in 2028, it will be a 12-month budget year.

The stewardship committee has begun planning this year's drive, to get a jump start on mailings, etc.

Our outreach ministry will need volunteers to assist in stuffing backpacks for Smithfield Elementary on Monday 17 August, so that any missing items can be purchased before the Back-to-School Breakfast for the Smithfield teachers on Wednesday 19 August.

The main building for Roof Above shelter ministry suffered damage from thunderstorms and will not be usable for 6 months. Outreach has asked the council to investigate ways we can help them during this time.

Lutheroad has 32 children signed up and 5 on a waiting list.

PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES

7/27-8/3 - Frank DeLoache & Bruce Melosh

8/3-8/10 - Cathy Lyall & Laura Michael

8/10-8/17 - Faith & Ed Long

8/17-8/24 - Tom & Barb Tobin

8/24-8/31 - Dawn Gibson & Nancy Mersereau



AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 a.m. Yoga
2 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	3 12:30 p.m. A. Pupo Culinary Workshop 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	4 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chase 9:30 a.m. Yoga 12:30 p.m. A. Pupo Culinary Workshop	5 12:30 p.m. A. Pupo Culinary Workshop 6:00 p.m. Memory Care Workshop	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 12:30 p.m. A. Pupo Culinary Workshop 6:15 p.m. Yoga	7 12:30 p.m. A. Pupo Culinary Workshop	8 10:00 a.m. Yoga
9 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 2:00 p.m. Worship at The Pines 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Parent Meeting	10 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Parent Meeting	12 6:00 p.m. Memory Care Workshop	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	14	15 10:00 a.m. Yoga 10:30 a.m. World Hunger Drive Meal Packing Event
16 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 11:30 a.m. Monthly Council Meeting	17 11:30 a.m. School Supply Sorting 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga	19 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at Smithfield 6:00 p.m. Memory Care Workshop	20 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	21	22 10:00 a.m. Yoga
23 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 2:00 p.m. Worship at the Pines	24 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265	26	27 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	28	29 10:00 a.m. Yoga
30 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 11:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday Potluck	31 9:00 a.m. Preschool Classroom Setup 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165					