



The InnerNet

October 2026

Grace to you and peace ~

This past Sunday (September 27) you heard Pr. Charlie and Marty Jenkins mention something about a Congregational **Vitality Survey**.

Vitality is good, right? And getting input is good too, right (that's the "survey" part)? Here's the hope (and we need **everyone** to take part – as we begin to take the next steps in "strategic planning"): This survey will help us build on what we do well so that we continue to intentionally grow in fulfilling our mission to live and love like Jesus, by eagerly welcoming all and striving to bring healing, help and hope to the world. It will also help us understand where there are opportunities to grow.

The survey looks at three areas (or relationships):

- 1 – our relationship with God
- 2 – our relationship with each other within the congregations
- 3 – our relationship with the community beyond us

The survey was developed by the ELCA, and Pr. Charlie is certified by the ELCA to coach Living Saviour through the process. The 36-question "on-line" survey will be available over a two-week period, October 11-25, and can be completed at home. *We will also have computers available at church as well as "assistants" for folks who may need help navigating the survey-taking process.*

Once the survey has been administered, a team representing a cross-section of LSLC will work with Pr. Charlie to analyze the results, which will then be shared with the council and the congregation.

THEN, a team will begin to develop strategic goals for LSLC that build on our unique strengths (or gifts) and grow areas that may need strengthening – all for the sake of the world God so loves. Some of the goals will be easily attainable and others may take a bit longer.

WHEW! I know that's a lot. For now, plan to participate in the survey...Because here's the thing, God is moving in this place and the work that we do is **VITAL** as we strive to bring healing, help and hope to the world. And it is **VITAL** that we get your input.

Stay tuned ~

God's peace and blessings ~
+ Pr. Sara

OCTOBER NOISY OFFERING

Our October Noisy offering will go to **Hospitality House of Charlotte**. Hospitality House of Charlotte creates community for patients connecting to vital medical care. When families are experiencing a medical crisis, they provide more than just a temporary place to stay; they provide access to healthcare and a community of support. Their 20-bedroom house offers lodging to patients and caregivers receiving treatment in Charlotte. Families in medical crisis find not only a place of rest but also a community when they stay here.

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

BUSY SCHEDULE? HERE'S A WAY TO SERVE!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve the church that fits into a busy schedule? Consider joining the LSLC Endowment Committee! This committee meets virtually just four times a year, with meetings typically lasting only 30-45 minutes. Very little time is required outside of those meetings. The best part? We have the joy and privilege of reviewing grant requests and helping distribute funds to worthwhile organizations that make a positive impact in our community and beyond. It's a rewarding opportunity to help steward the gifts entrusted to our church and support important ministries and missions.

Didn't know we had an Endowment Fund, visit our website or click [here](#) to learn more.

CYF NEWS!

Happy Fall Ya'll!!! Children, Youth and Family ministry is off to a great start! Confirmation classes have begun, and we have a new cohort of students ready to affirm their faith and be leaders among us! Sunday school has also begun, and we have classes for children of all ages! Fifth grade and under meet downstairs and sixth grade and up meet upstairs.

This month we will hold our first bRidge Family session here at LSLC. In September, our families participated in a retreat at Lutheridge to kindle our camp experience. Now, we bring those experiences down the mountain to keep the fire alive here at home. Want to be involved? We need meals! Here is a link to the information: [bRidge Meal Sign Up](#)

I have also created an Amazon wish list for CYF ministry. This is a great way to contribute! On it I have included materials I will use for education, recreation materials for games, and snacks for our kiddos! Kids love to eat!! [CYF Wish List](#)

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS

ADULTS—Class will meet at 9:15am in the Education Wing. We will be discussions using the David J. Lose book, ***Making Sense of the Christian Faith***. We meet in the Education Wing - middle room on the left. Please make a plan to join our discussions!!

CHILDREN—Class meets at 9:15am 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 (4th-5th) 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.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS (6th-12th)- Class will meet weekly at 9:30am in the Youth Room. We will have relevant cultural discussions and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE/BOOK STUDY

We will meet each **Wednesday at 10:00am**
in the conference room.

We are reading *Matthew for Everyone* by N. T. Wright. We are currently on Chapter 13. The book is available online at Amazon and your favorite bookstore (be sure to order the 20th Anniv. Edition). Come join us as we learn more about this book of the Bible.

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 meet on October 8th and 22nd at 6:15pm. Please bring your own dinner.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...

Dear family -
Even in a time of grief, there is so much to be thankful for. My head rests each day on the prayer shawl. I have plenty of food for breakfast - it has fed a multitude! For the cards, hugs and prayers - thank you so much.

I miss Frank every day, but your continuing support helps me to get through the hardest parts.

Like our youngest son (Frank) said -
"Mom, you belong here," I do. And I love my church family.

Pat

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES!

10/7 - Sylvia & Devin McCarthy (3)
10/9 - Laura & Mike Michael (50)
10/17 - Wendy & Chris Roberts (28)
10/19 - Patricia & John Maisel (52)
10/22 - Emma & Stephen Allen (10)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

10/1 - Donna Loges
10/2 - Wendy Roberts, Cooper Thom
10/4 - Stephen Allen, Lily McCarthy
10/6 - Marty Jenkins, Mike 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
10/19 - Geraldine Harbinson,
Ian Schwab
10/22 - Beth Hawley
10/25 - Don Huff
10/26 - Sandra Sample
10/28 - Alice Jenkins



HEALTH & WHOLENESS MINISTRY

The October theme is Women's Reproductive Cancers.

Tip#1: Approximately 100,000 women are diagnosed with gynecological cancer every year in the US. These cancers are no longer considered silent until it is too late. Modern testing, screening, and genetic discovery have made early detection possible and many of these cancers can even be prevented. Undergoing recommended screening and vaccines available for prevention is very important for women's health.

Psalm 107:19-20 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

Active Exercise Opportunities:

- ◆ Yoga 4 You:
 - ◆ Mondays - 6:15pm
 - ◆ Tuesdays - 9:30am
 - ◆ Thursdays - 9:30am and 6:15pm
 - ◆ Saturdays - 10:00am
- ◆ Chair Yoga
 - ◆ Thursdays - 11:00am



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

VITALITY SURVEY

In October, each of us will be invited to complete a 36-question online survey. The survey will look at our relationship with God, with each other within the congregation, and with those in our neighborhood and beyond. A vital relationship is one lived with intention as we live together in love with God, each other, and our neighborhood. Please take time to complete the survey.

The link to the survey will be sent to your email on October 11. You'll click on the link, complete the survey and that's it! That's all there is to it! The more participants we have the better idea we'll have on how best to lead and serve the congregation. We're not working on organizational improvement, but on our being better able to live and love like Jesus.

GETTING READY FOR SHELTERING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

In anticipation of Living Saviour serving as a shelter for our homeless neighbors on Sunday nights in January and February, these are the areas where volunteers will be needed. Please find an area or two that speaks to you as a way to support this meaningful, hands-on ministry to "the least of these". Volunteers are needed in all areas!

- **VAN DRIVER** - Drive 15 passenger van from church to Roof Above on Sunday evening (4:30-6:00pm) and/or on Monday morning, drive neighbors to Transit Center (5:45-6:45am)
- **LUGGAGE CAR** - accompany van in order to carry neighbors' luggage (van has no storage for twelve neighbors' belongings) Same time as van.
- **EVENING MEAL PREP/SERVE** - Prepare/purchase dinner items to serve 12 neighbors, 2 hosts, you and your team.
- **BAG LUNCHES PROVIDERS** - Prepare a bag lunch for each neighbor to take with them in the morning.
- **LAUNDRY TEAM** - Work with a partner or alone to launder sheets used on Sunday night. Laundry kits are provided. May be done at home or laundromat.
- **MONDAY MORNING CLEAN UP** - Remove trash, dustmop floors, refresh bathrooms/showers.

AND MOST IMPORTANT:

- **OVERNIGHT HOSTS** - Welcome neighbors, explain evening's protocol, share a meal, lights out at 10:00, wake up at 5:00 (sleeping quarters are separate from neighbors'), set out breakfast, start laundry of towels, return cots to storage place.

Sign-up sheets will be available starting in November so we can set up the schedule for **Sundays in January and February**.

SANDWICH MAKERS NEEDED!

On October 4, following worship service, help is needed to prepare 200 sandwiches for Roof Above's lunch program. Over the summer, their main building suffered serious storm damage that partially destroyed their kitchen. Volunteers have been preparing lunches since then, and it's our turn!

Preparation will be quick and simple - bread and meat, then place in a baggie. Cheese and condiment packets added to lunch bag. Come and help, please. Children welcome!

♪ 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:

FESTIVAL CHOIR - Consider joining for the Christmas Concert

- 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
- Festival Choir participants augment our Chancel Choir

CHANCEL CHOIR

- Rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, and again on Sundays at 9:15am
- 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!

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!!!

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! And you will enjoy fun and fellowship with a welcoming group of people. Please speak with Don to explore the possibilities.

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

Don

QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilt Ministry at Living Saviour hosts monthly workshops on the first Tuesday of each month and our next gathering is set for **October 6th at 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall.

This ministry creates 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 flat 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 **October 13th at 10:00am** in the conference room. We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

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.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Many thanks to all who participated in God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!

The grounds look so much better thanks to all of you who worked in the heat to trim, pull weeds, etc. The kitchen is sparkling clean, including the refrigerator, freezer, cabinets, oven, etc. An abundance of squares were cut in preparation for making quilts to go to Lutheran World Relief.

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE GROUP LEADERS: Grounds: Ken Leaser, Kitchen: Debby Borrelli (who also organized lunch), and Quilt Squares: Alice Jenkins. These leaders did a lot of behind the scenes work to prepare so that the day went well and so much was accomplished! Thanks to everyone for the hard work.

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/Youth
Linda Frixen	Stewardship
Laura Michael	Health & Wholeness
Ken Leaser	Property
Margie Peters	Fellowship
Paul Sullivan	Communications/Preschool
Donna Thomas	Outreach
Kay Zimmerman	Technology
Susan Hall	Treasurer
Janet Axtman	Property
Pr. Sara Ilderton	Pastor

The next Council Meeting will be held on October 18, 2026

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

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Elsie Davis , Preschool Director	preschool@lslc.church

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

- The council approved two revised personnel policies - an Anti-Bullying Policy and a Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy.
- The request from the Charlotte Lyric Theater to use our Fellowship Hall in November for rehearsals for an opera was approved. They will be using the Fellowship Hall from Monday through Saturday from 2 November to 16 November (except Election Day).
- The revisions to our constitution, as directed by the ELCA, have been approved by the Synod. A congregational meeting will be scheduled in the next few months for the congregation to vote on approving the revised constitution.
- Finance committee reported that we had an exceptional month and they have begun planning for the 11-month budget for 2027 and coordinating with the stewardship committee during this transition from a February to January fiscal year to a calendar fiscal year.
- Technology would like to give a big thank you to Bill Hatcher for improving the Wi-Fi in the preschool and the education building.
- Outreach is planning to make sandwiches for Roof Above on 4 October after worship service.
- There will be a council retreat on February 12-14, 2027.

The next council meeting will be on 18 October 2026.

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. 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.

PRAYING FOR POSSIBILITIES

9/28-10/5 - Julie Brennan & God!

10/5-10/12 - Mary Ann Eller & Janet Axtman

10/12-10/19 - Pastor Charlie & Kay Zimmerman

10/19-10/26 - Ray & Ken Kilminster

10/26-11/2 - Pastor Linda Hatcher & Anita Mitchell



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	2	3 10:00 a.m. Yoga
4 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. MS/HS Hang Out 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	5 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	6 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chase 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265	7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. G@thering at the Table 6:15 p.m. Yoga	9	10 10:00 a.m. Yoga
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