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# The InnerNet

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April 2024

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! ALLELUIA!!!

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

Easter blessings to you all.

First things first – Thank you to all of those who helped us tell the story of Lent and the Three Days.

Thank you to soup makers and dish washers. Acolytes and crucifers. Ushers and greeters. Ash makers. Palm wavers. Leaf blowers and sweeper-up-ers. To cheerleaders and hand-holders and silent sitters. Alleluia-buriers and Alleluia “resurrecters.” To foot-washers and wash-cloth providers. To parament changers and singers and ringers. To planners and processors and pray-ers. To encouragers and care-givers. And all those who continue now to tell in word and deed the resurrection story.

The reality is that the story we have to tell takes all of us – telling and living and loving together. Your care and compassion for each other, for me and my family, for the stranger in our midst exemplify what it is to live resurrection love. You//We...All of us together are the risen body of Christ in the world – evidencing that the grammar is correct...Not only *has* Christ risen...Christ IS risen.

Indeed! Alleluia!

Blessings, peace and much love,  
+ Pr. Sara

## Congregation Acknowledgements!!

### **April Anniversaries**

- 04/04 Matt and Becky VanSandt (9)  
04/19 Sam and Caitlin Hronesz (8)  
04/18 Cathy and Kevin Lyall (26)  
04/22 Luke and Cindy Quinlan (29)  
04/24 Patricia and Ed Garrison (31), Ken Leeser and Karen Kaufeld (25)



### **April Birthdays**

- 04/02 Jennifer Noonkester  
04/03 Laura Schwab  
04/06 Chuck Lyle, Cindy Quinlan  
04/09 Elizabeth Forster  
04/10 Steve Vick  
04/11 Tony Eller  
04/12 Anita Mitchell  
04/17 Russell Stephens  
04/20 Cynthia Karim  
04/21 Kristen Haigler Alford  
04/22 Eric Greve, Samantha Merritt  
04/28 Sara Melosh  
04/29 Gregg Mitchell, Jennifer Thompson  
04/30 Alina Krantz



## Church Information!!

### 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.



### 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 Barbara Avard.

### 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steven Vick	Co-President/Worship & Music
Janet Axtman	Co-Vice President
Gregg Mitchell	Secretary
Barbara Avard	Treasurer
Debby Borrelli	Co-Vice President/Christian Education
Linda Frixen	Outreach
Rev. Linda Hatcher	Co-President
Laura Michael	Health & Wholeness
Pat Sipe	Lay Care
Laura Schwab	Financial Secretary

The next Council Meeting will be on **Sunday, April 21, 2024** at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

## Group Activities!!

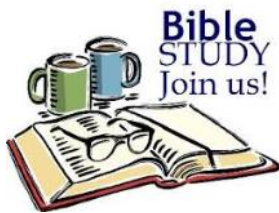
### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

No Class April 3rd.

Bible study will resume on April 10 at 10 AM and will continue for six weeks (until May 15).

Pastor Linda Hatcher and Pat Snodgrass will be teaching using the book *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News* by Amy Jill-Levine.

The book is available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com) as well as other bookstores online.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 9th, 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](mailto:jeannedavis88@att.net) with questions



Dear Living Saviour,

Thank you for all the birthday wishes, text, gifts & donations to non-profits on my "special birthday." The entire congregation singing me Happy Birthday brought a tear to my eye. It will remain with me always. Thank you and God Bless all. Janet Mayer

### *SAVE THE DATE! 2024 Lutheroad!*

*The 2024 Lutheroad Day Camp has been scheduled!*

*This year it will be July 29-August 4th.*

*Please keep an eye out for more information coming soon!!*

### **IT'S A NEW YEAR - WE NEED TELLERS – CAN YOU HELP?**

It's a new budget year, exciting things are happening at church and we need help with counting the weekly contributions. This takes only about 30-45 minutes after worship and someone will be there with you for help and support. If you can do a month or only a few weeks sometime during the year it will be appreciated!



Contact Barbara ([bja1949@bellsouth.net](mailto:bja1949@bellsouth.net)) if you are willing to consider giving some of your time and talent to help with this important administrative support duty. Thank you!

P.S. You will NOT be asked to help count the Noisy Collection!

## PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

The Living Saviour Lutheran Preschool is now accepting Enrollment Applications for the Fall. The \$150 Enrollment Fee is waived for all LSLC members. You can find our Enrollment Application on our website [www.lslpreschool.com](http://www.lslpreschool.com)

## GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable weekly at 6:15 p.m. on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall.

Note: No Gathering@theTable on Maundy Thursday, March 28th.

## Praying for Possibilities!

02/24-03/03 GOD and Janet Mayer

03/03-03/10 Mary Ann Eller and Janet Axtman

03/10-03/17 GOD and Maxine Christ

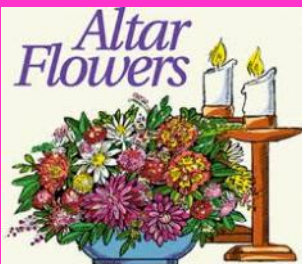
03/17/03/24 Glenda Kilminster and Joyce Godwin

03/24-03/31 Frank DeLoache and Bruce Melosh

03/31-04/07 Sherry Wooldridge and Don Huff



## 2024 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS



The 2024 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4CACAC29A6F4C16-46302964-2024>

## FAITH FORMATION

- Do you know a teen (rising 9th-12th grade) who may be interested in attending the 2024 **ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans** (July 16-20, 2024)? If so, we need to be in touch with them ASAP!
- Learn more about the Gathering here: <https://www.elca.church/gathering>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH ASSISTANTS AND ADULTS:

9:15 am Adults in the Education Wing Triple Room

9:30 am Children - ages 3 years through 5th grade (parents[s] welcome) downstairs in a preschool classroom.

Schedule for the Adult class study of **Do I Stay Christian** (Brian McLaren)

March 31 - Easter Sunday - no Sunday School

April 7 - Chapter 28 and Appendix III

April 14 and 21 - informal discussion

April 28 - Conclusion and wrap up

You are invited to participate either in-person or remotely via Zoom in our book study. We'll be meeting in the Adult education room.

Topic: Do I Stay Christian?

Time: Jan 7, 2024 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88053906186?pwd=cjdTcWZrek5MZy9KdWhtR1hBcnlDQT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5390 6186

Passcode: 397043

- **April 28th—Confirmation Class 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)**

## LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

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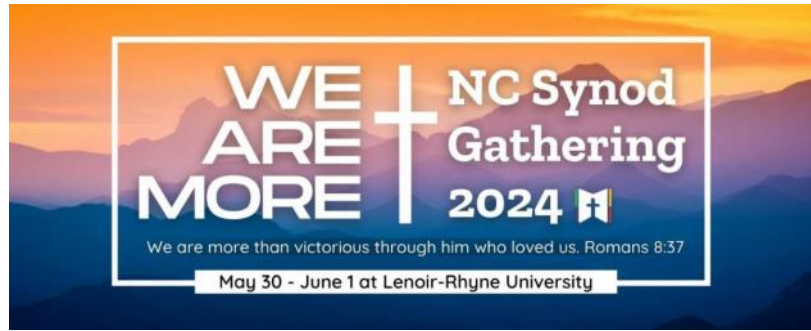
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## **Come One, Come All!**

Dear People of God of the North Carolina Synod,

The synod staff and I are excited to invite you to the 2024 NC Synod Gathering—**Thursday, May 30, through Saturday, June 1.**

### **The Details at a Glance**

- ◆ **DATES:** Thursday, May 30, through Saturday, June 1
- ◆ **LOCATION:** Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory
- ◆ **REGISTRATION OPTIONS:** Each day is a stand-alone day—come for one, two, or all three days!
- ◆ **KEY REGISTRATION DATES:** Early-Bird Pricing Ends April 1; Final Registration Deadline Is May 8.
- ◆ **HOUSING:** On-campus housing or you may choose to arrange your own accommodations at a Hickory area hotel.
- ◆ **FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:** Worship, Keynote, Workshops, Fellowship, Service Event, Address from Bishop Tim, Affinity Groups, Celebration of Anniversaries, Installation of Lay Preachers, Blessing of NovusWay Summer Camp Counselors, Commissioning for NC Synod Youth Attending the ELCA Youth Gathering!
- ◆ **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** ELCA Executive Director for Innovation, Iain Chester
- ◆ **WHO IS INVITED?** Lay\* people and pastors & deacons—come one, come all! (*\*lay is a way to refer to someone connected to church who is not ordained.*)

### **Registration Is Now Open!**

Registration is open NOW for Synod Gathering and will be open through **Wednesday, May 8.** [Early bird deadline is **Monday, April 1.**] Grab a group of friends and come!

[2024 Synod Gathering Registration \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)



## **Summary of 17 March 2024 LSLC Council Meeting**

Council got the yearly financial budget report and the church did finish the year with a slight surplus. Funds were approved for the repair of the damaged organ pipes.

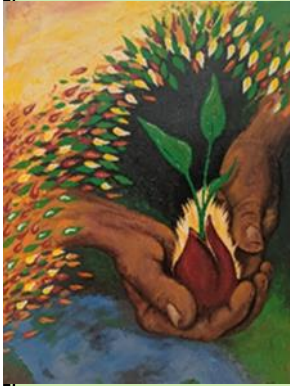
Health and Wholeness discussed the fire evacuation plan that is being developed and some suggestions were made in the plan by council. The changes will be added to the plan and submitted to council at its next meeting. Council was reminded of the Family Dementia Conference and Resource Fair being presented by the Alzheimer's Association at Living Saviour on Saturday 20 April 2024 from 1-5pm.

There was discussion on the planned Easter breakfast and Easter bags for the children.

Faith Formation confirmed that the confirmation youth will be going to Lutheridge on April 18-21 and to the Dwelling in Winston-Salem on Sunday April 28. The youth had a pancake breakfast this morning, along with Lucky Charms pound cake.

The facilities use committee developed a list of prioritizations for building use. We are not able to have an online room reservation until we finish upgrading our internet capabilities. The last time room fees were reviewed was 2016, so we need to review that and see if any changes need to be made.

The next council meeting will be on Sunday 21 April 2024 after worship service.



## Ministry of Health and Wholeness April 2024 Focus: God's Gift-The Earth

*He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Psalm 33:5*

We know God through the things that God has made. Perhaps once we see God in plants and animals, we might learn to see God in our neighbors. And then we might learn to love the world. The soul is prepared. The soul is freed, and it's learned how to see and how to receive and how to move in and how to move out from itself. Such individuals might well understand how to love God.  
Richard Rohr

The [Alzheimer's Association – Western Carolina Chapter](#), in partnership with area organizations, will be hosting the **Family Dementia Conference & Resource Fair** on **Saturday, April 20** at Living Saviour Lutheran Church at 6817 Carmel Rd, Charlotte.

This free event will **take place from 1 - 5 p.m.** and include an afternoon of learning opportunities and exhibits by local businesses and organizations that offer resources for dementia caregivers and area residents. Light refreshments will also be served and the event will include chances to win door prizes as well.

**REGISTER: 800.272.3900 | [tinyurl.com/FamilyDementiaFairCLT](https://tinyurl.com/FamilyDementiaFairCLT)**

### Active Exercise Opportunities:

#### Physical Exercise:

- Yoga For 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 at 11:00 a.m.
- Exercise Opportunities - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

**FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024  
ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024**

I am pleased to report that Living Saviour ended the fiscal year with a modest \$4,081 excess of income over expenses. This result is due to the savings of \$42,595 during the eight-month pastoral vacancy, the generous additional financial gifts from the congregation in the Summer of 2023 and the Council's careful management of church expenses. Living Saviour is so very grateful for the gifts of time, talent, dedication, generosity and love you have shown again this past year.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Avard, Treasurer

Contributions and Other Income	\$353,484
Expenses	<u>\$349,403</u>
Net Income over Expenses	\$ 4,081

The following are the balances at fiscal year-end of several Reserve accounts:

Facilities Reserve (02-3241)	\$36,374
Operating Reserve (02-3271-275)	\$75,251
Shabla Gift Fund (02-3271)	\$32,057

# APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Easter Monday</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	2 6:00 a.m. First Tuesday coffee 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry	3 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	4 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	5	6 9:30 a.m. Exercise Opportunities 10:00 a.m. Yoga
7 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed	8 6:15 p.m. Yoga	9 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	12	13 9:00 a.m. Bonsai Group 9:30 a.m. Exercise Opportunities 10:00 a.m. Yoga
14 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed Ukrainian Group	15 6:15 p.m. Yoga	16 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 1:15 p.m. LSLC Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	19	20 9:30 a.m. Exercise Opportunities 10:00 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Conference & Resource Fair
21 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Monthly Council meeting	22 6:15 p.m. Yoga	23 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 1:15 p.m. LSLC Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	26	27 9:30 a.m. Exercise Opportunities 10:00 a.m. Yoga
28 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	29 6:15 p.m. Yoga	30 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group				