



# The InnerNet

April 2025

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

I had lunch about a week ago with a friend who is struggling with some decisions and doubting her own ability. During our conversation, this poem came to my memory. It is by Gerhard Frost, from his book *Seasons of a Lifetime, A treasury of meditations* (Augsburg, 1989). It's called "The Demon Self-Doubt."

He'd had a great year in kindergarten,  
but now the going was hard in first grade.  
After reflection and brooding, he came to his mother  
with a sad self-assessment and solemn conclusion:  
"I don't think I'm really first grade; I'm more kindergarten type."

For another, it had been a significant career,  
fifty-five years of hard and responsible work.  
But now he sat alone, downcast and discouraged.  
As I approached him with a greeting he said,  
"I'm no good; I can't work at anything any more."

Two persons, each with a given dignity and "justified by faith,"  
both deep in self-evaluation and suffering  
at the hands of the demon, Self-Doubt,  
both at a crossroad and needing wise and compassionate friends.

Voices are needed, my voice and yours,  
voices of self-appointed guardians of the fragile egos  
of the very young and very old, and everyone in between,  
voices to proclaim that God has loved us into dignity and worth forever.

We are deep into Lent, following along with Jesus toward the cross. But we are not yet to Easter. Our doubts and questions can weigh us down and make us so very weary. And while we need to pay attention to them and even speak them (knowing that once something is spoken aloud, it loses some of its power), we do not need to carry them alone, or we may never emerge from the darkness of Holy Saturday. Easter is coming. Love will win. Dignity and worth will win. Sometimes we just need to see it for one another, because we do not clearly see it for ourselves.

Please plan to join us for Holy Week worship (details inside)...Easter is coming.

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

Worship Service Live Streaming: on-line <https://www.youtube.com/@livingsaviourlutheranchurch/streams> or through our website:  
[www.livingsaviourlc.org](http://www.livingsaviourlc.org).

## Congregation Acknowledgements!!

### **April Anniversaries**

**04/04 Matt and Becky VanSandt (10)**

**04/16 Cathy and Kevin Lyall (27)**

**04/22 Luke and Cindy Quinlan (30)**

**04/24 Patricia and Ed Garrison (32); Ken Leaser and Karen Kaufeld (26)**



### **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

04/19 Linda Francis

04/20 Cynthia Karim

04/21 Kristen Haigler

04/22 Eric Greve, Samantha Merritt

04/29 Gregg Mitchell, Jennifer Thompson

04/30 Alina Krantz



At the beginning of March, Pr. Linda and I received this letter from Ruth Mayes, our Administrative Assistant:

March 2, 2025

Pastor Sara Ilderton  
Living Saviour Lutheran Church

Dear Pastor Sara,

I am writing to notify you that I have decided to retire as of Friday, May 9, 2025.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to spend the last four and ½ years working at Living Saviour Lutheran Church as the Administrative Assistant. I have truly enjoyed working with the people here, both staff and congregation members.

Please let me know how I can help make the transition following my retirement as smooth as possible. I am happy to assist in training my replacement.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with Living Saviour Lutheran Church and I wish you all the best in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Ruth C. Mayes

CC: Rev. Linda Hatcher, LSLC Council President

Ruth has been a source of great help for me as I have come into the family of LSLC. She has graciously answered my questions over and over and worked to help me understand dynamics, unjam the copier, reset my password, access files and on and on and on. She has been a gift and will be missed.

Please plan to join us during worship on May 4 as we celebrate her and send her with God's blessings.

+ Pr. Sara

*The council is grateful that Laura Schwab has agreed to serve as interim Admin. Assistant. Keep an eye out for more details.*

## Church Information!!

2025	LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP
Name	Council Position
Rev. Linda Hatcher	President/Lay Care
Debby Borrelli	Vice President/Finance/Stewardship
Laura Schwab	Financial Secretary/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
Susan Hall	Treasurer
Pr. Sara Ilderton	Pastor/Youth

The next Council Meeting will be on **Sunday, April 27, 2025**  
in the Conference Room following Worship.

### LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

<b>The Reverend Sara Ilderton</b> , Pastor	<a href="mailto:pastorsara@livingsaviourlc.org">pastorsara@livingsaviourlc.org</a>
<b>Don Huff</b> , Minister of Worship and Music	<a href="mailto:dhuff@livingsaviourlc.org">dhuff@livingsaviourlc.org</a>
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<b>Carla Gearheart</b> , Childcare Provider	<a href="mailto:carla.gearheart@yahoo.com">carla.gearheart@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Elsie Davis</b> , Interim Preschool Director	<a href="mailto:preschool@lslc.church">preschool@lslc.church</a>

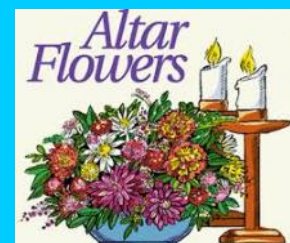
### 2025 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2025 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

- ◆ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4CACAC29A6F4C16-50072720-2025#/>

**NOTE:** No flowers during Lent (March 9—April 13)

**OPEN SUNDAYS: May 4, 11**



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 8th, 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.

## **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 the church office.

## **"NEW for Contribution Statements going forward into 2025"**

According to standard accounting practices, "gifts in kind" include purchases made for the church and paid for by a parishioner. These items can be deducted on the individual's tax return but the church cannot put a value on their contribution statement. The value is to be determined but the donor (using a receipt if available) and the church will recognize the gift through a letter. If you have any further questions, please contact Susan Hall at [finance@livingsaviourlc.org](mailto:finance@livingsaviourlc.org). Thank you,

## QUILT MINISTRY

The Quilt Ministry at Living Saviour meets monthly, usually on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The quilts we create go to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to areas in the world undergoing crisis. Last year, our quilts were delivered to Western North Carolina!

There are ways you in the congregation can help this ministry, even if you cannot attend our work days.

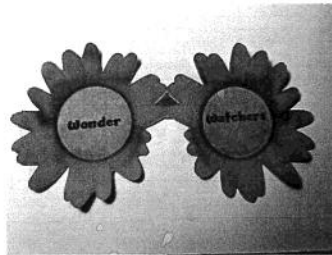
Donate FLAT twin size sheets, preferably darker colors or prints. These are used as the back side of the quilts.

Cut out squares of coordinating fabrics which will be sewn together to form the quilt tops. Fabric provided as well as instructions.

Sewing the quilt squares together in your home to form the 60"x80" quilt tops.

Your help is much appreciated! Contact Alice Jenkins at:  
[jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com](mailto:jenkinsalice2019@gmail.com) or 704-458-5411 to get supplies or information.

*You Are Invited to the NC Women of the ELCA  
2025 SPRING CONFERENCE GATHERING  
"Wonder Watchers"*



**WHAT:** 2025 Mecklenburg-Union Spring Conference Gathering---- where we will gather for food and fellowship, hold elections for Conference Presiders, collect offerings, and experience our program, *Wonder Watchers*, written by NC SWO Conference Coordinator Karen Birkedal.

**ELECTIONS:** Director of Communications for a 2-year term

**PROGRAM:** "*Wonder Watchers*" How can we be vigilant and participate in God's big wonderful watchful dream? How can our senses be heightened to keep awake, keep vigil, closely observe, keep continual attention, wait and proceed with caution in viewing Gods big dream? How can we watch, wait and wonder about God's beautiful dream here in the North Carolina Synod? Come and join your sisters in the faith for this time of prayerfully drawing together for a time of wondering, creativity, and precious support of one another.

**WHEN:** *May 3, 2025*  
*Registration 9:30 am---- Program 10:00 am*

**WHERE:** *A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church*  
*8200 McClure Circle Charlotte, NC*

**REGISTER:** *Libby Holman*  
*[libholman@gmail.com](mailto:libholman@gmail.com)*  
*704-622-2509*  
*Registration Deadline is April 26, 2025*

**COST:** *\$12.00*

**OFFERINGS:** Regular Offering to **Ebenezer Children's Home** [www.ebenezerfamily.org](http://www.ebenezerfamily.org)  
2025 Pennies Offering to **Diaper Bank of NC** [www.ncdiaperbank.org](http://www.ncdiaperbank.org)  
In-Kind Offering---food item for local Food Bank

## LENTEN WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays, March 12th—April 9th**

**5:15 p.m.—Soup dinner**

**6:00 p.m.—Worship**



## HOLY WEEK INFORMATION

**Palm/Passion Sunday Worship—April 13th at 10:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday Worship—April 17th at 6:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Worship—April 18th at 6:00 p.m.**

## EASTER DAY INFORMATION

**Easter Day Worship—April 10th at 10:30 a.m.**

***Easter Day Flowering of the cross in narthex. Please bring flowers to contribute.***



**We will have our annual Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, April 20. Bring a breakfast dish to share. We will have a signup sheet on a table by the first Sunday in April. The breakfast will be during the regular Faith Formation time, from 9:00-10:15.**



## Ministry of Health and Wholeness April 2025



### Focus: Caring for Our Earth

*But ask the animals and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.  
Job 12:7-10*

**Save the date**—On Saturday, May 3rd, an Alzheimer's Awareness seminar presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Excellent speakers, question and answer opportunities, vendor tables with resources are all included. More information to come!

Atrium Health is conducting a community health needs assessment in partnership with many other health agencies across our area. This allows them to compare community data and work regionally on issues facing all of us. They will then work together with hospitals, health departments and community partners to implement programs that make our communities stronger. Please take a few minutes to take this Community Health Needs Survey and share this link with others: <https://www.rowancountync.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1683>

### Active Exercise Opportunities:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Strength and Stamina - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.



## HONORING GOD'S CREATION THIS EARTH DAY

This Earth Day, let's care for the beautiful world God has entrusted to us. The Earth Day 2025 theme is "Our Power, Our Planet," emphasizing the need to unite behind renewable energy and triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. Simple actions can make a big difference—consider planting a tree, reducing plastic waste, conserving water, or joining a local cleanup effort. As stewards of creation, we can also conserve energy, support sustainable businesses, and spend time in prayer, reflecting on how we can better protect our environment. By taking these small steps, we show gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure a healthier planet for future generations.

Some events in Charlotte include:

- ⇒ **Attend the Charlotte Earth Day Celebration** – Join the festivities on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the Independent Picture House, featuring educational exhibits, local artists, and environmental films. ([charlotteearthday.com](http://charlotteearthday.com))
- ⇒ **Participate in Earth Day Activities at Anne Springs Close Greenway** – Enjoy outdoor activities like kayaking, archery, and hiking during the Earth Day Celebration weekend, April 11-13, 2025. ([ascgreenway.org](http://ascgreenway.org))
- ⇒ **Volunteer for a Community Project** – Help plant trees, remove invasive plants, and clean up trails through Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation Volunteer projects. ([volunteer.parkandrec.mecklenburgcountync.gov/need/](http://volunteer.parkandrec.mecklenburgcountync.gov/need/))
- ⇒ **Engage in Family-Friendly Activities** – Attend a live story time celebrating Earth Day at the Ballantyne Arts Center on April 7, 2025. ([ymcacharlotte.org](http://ymcacharlotte.org))

## Praying for Possibilities!

03/24-03/31 Frank DeLoache and Bruce Melosh  
03/31—04/07 Sherry Wooldridge and Don Huff  
04/07-04/14 Patricia and John Maisel  
04/14-04/21 Anita Mitchell and Glenda Kilminster  
04/21-04/28 Nancy Mersereau and  
04/28-05/05 Pastor Sara and Corky Carver



# FAITH FORMATION!!

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

### ADULTS - 9:15 am in the Education Wing

The Adult class is discussing the book, Field Notes for the Wilderness. (Sarah Bessey):

April 6 - Chapter 6

April 13 - Chapter 7

**April 20 - EASTER - no class**

April 27 - Chapter 8

ALL are welcome to join!!

### CHILDREN - 9:30 am Downstairs

Children (ages 2 years through 5th grade) will have Bible stories and hands-on experiences that support the story. Parent(s) are welcome to join in the class!

## MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

**Confirmation/Catechism** – What's up with Luther?

- 1st Sunday during Sunday School time

**Gospel According to Pixar**

- 1st Sunday following worship (Lunch provided) – Next up: Monsters, Inc. (Fear & Love)

**4th Sunday Hang-out**

- TBD

## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

"Fight Like Jesus" By Jason Porterfield. How Jesus Waged Peace throughout Holy Week:

April 2 - Chapter 7. Who Holds the Hammer?

April 9 - Chapter 8. Peace Be With You.

**No class April 16 and April 23.**

Starting April 30 - "TWELVE ORDINARY MEN" by John MacArthur.

April 30 - Chapter 1 - Common Men, Uncommon Calling.

May 7 - Peter - The Apostle with the foot shaped mouth.

## GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. The next meetings are April 10th and 24th.

## **Summary of 16 March 2025 Council Meeting**

Susan Hall, our treasurer, informed the Council that while the cost of Pastor Sara's health insurance went up, her reimbursement does not cover it totally. Council voted to increase Pastor's reimbursement to cover the full cost of her health insurance.

The Charlotte Pride Jazz Band has lost its rehearsal space at Park Road Baptist Church due to construction. They have requested to use our sanctuary as a rehearsal space on two Sundays a month, from 3-5 pm. Since their schedule did not conflict with any scheduled activities, Council approved the request.

The NC Synod has offered preparedness grants to churches for safety improvements. We are going to use the funds to cover the windows of the old sanctuary entrance doors so that people can see out the windows but no one on the outside can see into the sanctuary.

The finance committee reported that expenses exceeded income in February by \$8,372. Part of this was due to having three pay periods in February while moving forward we will have two pay periods a month.

Property committee members replaced electrical outlet covers in the preschool. Some of the existing covers were broken or too small to completely cover the outlet.

While we have improved our technology, moving from computer servers to the cloud, getting a new internet provider, and new computers for the staff, our internet webpage and our Facebook page need updating. Laura Schwab, Pat Snodgrass, Kay Zimmerman and Becky VanSandt are working on this and the bishop's office has a communications department that can offer us assistance in this project.

The fellowship committee would like to start having a pot luck lunch on the fifth Sunday. They would also like to have a pot luck breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. Sign up sheets for these will be available soon.

Since the Council normally meets on the third Sunday of the month, in April that date would be Easter Sunday. Council will move the meeting back to Sunday 27 April.

# APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chace 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m. Scout Troop 265	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 p.m. Lent Soup 6:00 .m. Lent Mid-Week Service 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	3 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	4	5 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
6 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed Gospel according to Pixar	7 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 p.m. Scout Troop 265	9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 p.m. Lent Soup 6:00 p.m. Lent Mid-Week Service 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	11	12 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
<b>13 Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 3:00 p.m. Jazz Band Practice	14 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry 6:00 p.m. Scout Troop 265	16 5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>17 Maundy Thursday</b> 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service 6:15 p.m. Yoga	<b>18 Good Friday</b> 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	19 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
<b>20 Easter Day</b> 9:00 Easter Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	<b>21 Easter Monday—Church office closed</b> 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165	22 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:00 p.m. Scout Troop 265	23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 Alleluia Ringers 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	25	26 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
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