



The InnerNet

July 2025

As you know, several months ago, your congregation council met with Rev. CeCee Mills to do some initial visioning work. We spent a good deal of time describing Living Saviour. As we did, certain words surfaced over and over. Words like "outreach" and "welcoming" and "hospitable" and "all." Now, I've known Pr. CeCee for quite a while and have had the privilege of working with her on the Bishop's staff. She is not one to mince words. She said out loud in front of the council members and again in an aside to me "Every congregation I've worked with describes themselves as 'welcoming' and 'hospitable.' Every congregation wants to be about outreach and wants to have a sign that says, 'All are welcome', but they don't really mean it." Then she challenged, "Ya'll need to mean it if you say it." And we do...both. We mean it and we say it.

Does it mean that "anything goes?" Does it mean that all behavior is welcome? Nope.

Does it mean that we can meet every need? Nope.

But do we have certain gifts that are meant for the good of the world God so loves? Yep.

Is it always easy? Nope.

Is it, in fact, fairly inconvenient from time to time? Yep.

And yet...Jesus.

As I walk around the building and try to think through this "Pastor's Reflection" today, I hear lots of little voices and little feet in the hallways coming and going. For the first time since I've been here, our space is being used – both upstairs and down – nearly every day during the summer* (downstairs for the LSLC Preschool Summer program and upstairs – in the education wing – for Ready Set 4 ABA...a day camp for children (ages 2-10) with autism). Earlier today, Ms. Elsie (preschool director) came into my office to let me know that she and Sandra (director of the ABA camp) did some shifting and came up with a schedule for the playground use so that everyone gets time outside during the coolest parts of the day. A pretty simple thing...but it matters.

Another adjustment was made by one of our yoga instructors who shifted her class location so we could more fully share our space...Also, pretty simple. But it matters.

Hospitality is not always (or even most often) convenient, yet as we steward our facility and as we live more and more into our "Jesus-ie" mission statement ("LSLC is a faith community striving to live and love as Jesus did, eagerly welcoming all and bringing healing, help, and hope to the world."), may we do so joyfully, intentionally and care-full-y knowing that through our welcome each one (newcomers as well as "long-timers") experiences Jesus' welcome.

God's peace and much love,

+ Pr. Sara

**With the exception of July 27-Aug.1...which is Luther road week – when our space will still be filled with sounds of little feet and loving language.*

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

Congregation Acknowledgements!!

July Anniversaries

7/18—Terry & Joyce Godwin (49)
7/23—Paul & Michele Sullivan (20)
7/30—Pete & Dominique Greve (20)
7/31—Ron & Kathy Biggs (21)



July Birthdays

7/2—Ron Gordon
7/3—Abigail Huber, Chuck Malinowski
7/4—Logan VanSandt
7/6—Russell Hinson
7/7—Shirley Fitts, Billy Sample
7/10—John Soileau
7/11—Nora Cook, Noah Hatcher
7/15—Erin Malinowski
7/17—James Chandler
7/18—Chuck Moore
7/20—Riley Karim, Cathy Shabla
7/21—Nolan Krantz
7/22—Terry Godwin
7/23—Laura Michael
7/24—Julie Brennan
7/27—Zolene Kale





KIDS SUMMER CAMP



Unleash the Fun in the Sun at Our Kids' Summer Camp!

Activities :

- > Outdoor Adventure Day
- > Arts and Crafts
- > Sports Spectacular
- > Water Day

Learn more about our school:

 www.islpreschool.com
 6817 Carmel Road. Charlotte, NC 28226

M-TH
\$125
 Registration



Register Now
704 542-9110

Praying for Possibilities!

6/30-7/7 Maria & Glenda

7/7-7/14 Julie Brennan & God, who does it everyday

7/14-7/21 Mary Ann Eller & Janet Axtman

7/21-7/28 Pastor Charlie & Kay Zimmerman

7/28-8/4 Ray & Ken Kilminster



Church Information!!

2025	LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP
Name	Council Position
Rev. Linda Hatcher	President/Lay Care
Debby Borrelli	Vice President/Finance/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, July 20, 2025**
in the Conference Room following Worship.

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

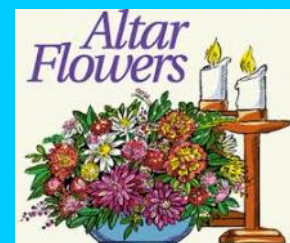
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2025 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2025 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

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

OPEN SUNDAYS: 8/31, 9/7, 9/14



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on summer break June, July and August, resuming on the 2nd Tuesday of September (Sept. 9th).

If you knit or crochet and would like to participate in this ministry, please join us or contact Jeanne Davis at 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. Thank you,

QUILT MINISTRY

Can you help our Quilt Ministry this summer?

The Quilt Ministry is 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.)

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

Ministry of Health and Wholeness

July 2025

Focus: Living in Joy



Tip#1: True joy is not circumstantial. It doesn't require that things are going well. You can have joy during imprisonment as Nelson Mandela did or while impoverished as many do in Haiti. Joy offers a peace that surpasses all understanding. Dr. Barbara Holmes

Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Let your joy be a continual feast. Make your life a prayer, and in the midst of everything, be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Jesus Christ."

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 - 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Strength and Stamina
 - ◆ On summer break

**Partnering with God to
Survive and Thrive after Abuse
with Tambry Harris and Thomas Jay Oord**

- *Can you imagine a full, thriving, life-giving **story for yourself?***
- *What if you had an amazing partner ready to guide you on this **healing journey?***
- *Are you ready to jumpstart the **discovery process** to open you to the realm of possibilities and **reshape your story?***

Join us and explore what it means to survive harm and collaborate with an uncontrolling God of love!

**Tuesday, September 2nd from 7 - 9pm EDT
Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte**

Register Here:



Or email tambry@survivorstothrivers.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUMMER CHOIR

The Summer Choir is for everyone who enjoys singing regardless of ability!!

When: Every Sunday in July

Rehearsal: At 9:15 every Sunday in July

Do I have to be here every Sunday? That would be really nice, but if you can't make it every Sunday, come and join when you can.

Come and join in - you'll be among a warm welcoming group of friends!

Want more information? Please talk to Don.

FAITH FORMATION!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS:

ADULTS - On Summer Break

CHILDREN - On Summer Break

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

CONFIRMATION/CATECHISM - On Summer Break

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Group will break for the summer and will resume in the fall. If a special event is planned, information will be sent out.

GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable will not meet during the summer months. We will resume on September 11, 2025

Summary of 22 June 2025 Council Meeting

Becky Vansandt has been working with Laura Schwab, Pat Snodgrass, and Kay Zimmerman on updating and improving our website as well as other social media platforms. She had sent a proposal to the Council last month about the church hosting its own website instead of outsourcing it to a commercial business. She came to this meeting to answer any questions members might have about the proposal. After her explanation about how this could be done, Council approved the proposal.

Stewardship reported on their plans for doing an ongoing year-round stewardship program. They will be using a program from the Synod, Grow In Generosity, and hope to roll it out in a month.

Council had two workdays this month, cleaning out and organizing the closets in the education classrooms, as well as the large storage closet in the education building.

Property reported that the tree trimming and tree removal has been completed and the gutters and downspouts should be cleaned out in the next two weeks. Adams Heating and Air Conditioning will be doing routine maintenance on our units on June 26th.

Outreach discussed several ideas about helping Smithfield Elementary students in the upcoming school year. Pat Snodgrass (Fellowship) is working with Donna Thomas (Outreach) on projects for Habit for Humanity.

The Ready Set 4 ABA summer camp has a good first week and we hope the rest of the summer will continue to be successful.

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 am - ABA Camp 6:30 am Coffee for Carmel Chase 9:30 a.m. Yoga	2 8:00 am - ABA Camp	3 8:00 am - ABA Camp 9:30 a.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	4 8:00 am - ABA Camp	5 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
6 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	7 8:00 am - ABA Camp 6:15 p.m. Yoga	8 8:00 am - ABA Camp 9:30 a.m. Yoga	9 8:00 am - ABA Camp	10 8:00 am - ABA Camp 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	11 8:00 am - ABA Camp	12 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
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20 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 11:30 a.m. Monthly Council Meeting	21 8:00 am - ABA Camp 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 165	22 8:00 am - ABA Camp 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 am Chair Yoga	23 8:00 am - ABA Camp	24 8:00 am - ABA Camp 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	25 8:00 am - ABA Camp	26 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
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