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# The InnerNet

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June 2024

Grace and peace be yours.

I'm having a hard time believing that the school year is days away from being over. By the time you read this, our own LSLC Preschool 4-5 year-olds will have "graduated" and will be heading to kindergarten in the fall (which means that the rhythm of summer and vacations is soon upon us).

I have this rhythm hard-wired into me. My mother was a teacher. And a good one. I never heard her say (at the end of the school year) that she was glad it was over – but, I suspect she was. She worked so so hard and with so very much joy. So, as we move into the summer, let us give special thanks for all of the teachers – who stand in classrooms and hallways; who grade papers and encourage; who sing silly songs and make bulletin boards; who clean test tubes and clean up messes; who keep safe the most vulnerable.

Let us give thanks for cafeteria workers and teachers' aides and janitors.

Let us give thanks for principals and secretaries and crossing guards.

And, yes, for Sunday School teachers too!

Research has shown that the most well-adapted people can point to 4 or more adults (who were not their parents) who believed in them and served as cheerleaders as they grew. That's what good school-workers do. And we give thanks for them and to them.

And we pray that we (even if we are not "technically" teachers), may be counted among them.

Don't forget to thank a teacher.

Peace and blessings to you,

+ Pr. Sara

*P.S. And...Summer means Summer Camp! If you (yes, adults), your child(ren), or a child you know would like to go to Camp (Agape, Lutheridge/Lutherock), but don't know how to register or don't know that you can afford it, please reach out to me directly. Camp changes lives.*

Worship Service Live Streaming: on-line <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMJ5vxpQpMZLB8638JxE> w or through our website: [www.livingsaviourlc.org](http://www.livingsaviourlc.org).

## Congregation Acknowledgements!!

### **June Anniversaries**

06/09 Matthew and Jennifer Noonkester (23)  
06/10 Ray and Glenda Kilminster (20), Bill and Sandy Larsen (52), Lynn and Ronnie Stephens (58), Charlie and Kay Zimmerman (52)  
06/14 Jay and Geraldine Harbinson (65)  
06/15 Andrew and Amanda Thom (16), Doug and Jennifer Thompson (12)  
06/21 Chuck and Rene Moore (14)  
06/27 Bob and Sheri Fleischacker (32), Bruce and Sara Melosh (37)  
06/29 George and Kathy Shabla (50)

### **June Birthdays**

06/01 Alia Church, Dan Haseley  
06/02 Addison Noonkester, Andrew Thom  
06/07 Gary Borley, Charles Gribble  
06/10 Liam Brown  
06/13 Zacharay Greve  
06/17 Bob Loges  
06/18 Linda Frixen  
06/19 Tanner Axtman, Jonas Campbell  
06/20 Sandy Larsen  
06/21 David Frixen, Sherry Wooldridge  
06/22 Moss Hathcock  
06/27 Bruce Melosh  
06/28 Pat Sipe  
06/30 Ande Malinowski, Doug Thompson



## 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 Avar.

### 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

The next Council Meeting will be on **Sunday, June 23, 2024** at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

## Group Activities!!

### SUMMER WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We have decided to have a fun summer by watching Bible story movies such as Ruth, Esther, Daniel or something yet to be determined.

No need to buy a book & NO homework reading.

We will meet once a month during June, July and August.

- ◆ June 19
- ◆ July 17
- ◆ August 21

The movies are about a hour and half in length so feel free to bring a sack lunch or popcorn! We will start at 10AM & perhaps have a short discussion time.

Everyone is Welcome so come & enjoy a movie this summer.

### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

*The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.*

*Then we will take a summer break July and August, resuming on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of September (Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>).*

*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.*

### MUSIC NOTES SUMMER CHOIR

You are invited to be a part of the choir this summer on any or all Sundays. Choir rehearsals are being held on Sunday mornings at 9:15. At that time, music for the service that day will be rehearsed. Come an join in singing to God's glory. All are invited. Please speak to Don Huff if you have questions.

### WELCOME TO NEWEST CHOIR MEMBERS

We are so happy to welcome our newest choir members, JULIE BRENNAN and JUDY FRYE. As you may know, Julie and her husband Mark have been part of the Living Saviour family for a number of years. Judy was a member for several years when Living Saviour came into being and has been away with her late husband, Pastor Michael Frye for many years as he served as pastor and interim pastor at several other congregations. Judy will be rejoining our congregation on June 2. Welcome to Julie and Judy! We are so glad to have you.

Living Saviour Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting 19 May 2024

There has been water intrusion in the preschool storage room and two proposals for fixing the problem were presented to the council. After discussion of the two proposals, the council voted to choose the one from MoistureLoc. The cost will require the approval of the congregation. A called congregational meeting will be held on 2 June 2024 so that council can present the proposal to the congregation and have them vote on whether to accept the proposal and proceed with the repairs.

Pastor Sara notified council that the following people wish to join LSLC: Morgan and Kathy Parham and their children Charlie and Matthew, Judy Frye, and Donna Thomas. Council approved the request and they will be presented to the congregation during the worship service on 2 June 2024. Pastor has begun training members to take communion to members who are unable to attend in person.

The monthly finance report was discussed and a job description for the finance committee was presented to council. The vice president of the council will chair the finance committee. Council voted to accept the resignation of Barbara Avard as treasurer and voiced appreciation for all the hard work and dedication she has shown while serving as treasurer and financial secretary. Council will begin to search for a replacement.

Council received a report from the Endowment Committee and Kristen Haigler will serve as chairperson of the committee.

Health and Wholeness presented an update on the proposed fire drill and it will be presented to the congregation before the 28 July 2024 worship service. Health and Wholeness would like to have a survey flyer in the bulletin to get input from the congregation on what interests they would like this ministry to pursue and what times work best for presentations to members.

This Sunday was the last day of Sunday School for children before summer but Russell has planned to have a craft class for the children each Sunday during the summer.

Discussion about building use and rental fees was tabled due to time constraints.

Pastor encouraged council to attend the N.C. Synod Gathering.

There were some suggestions for changes in the worship bulletin. Health and Wholeness would like their monthly tip that is currently on the back of the bulletin moved to the inside front cover page. The AV team would like our YouTube website listed in the bulletin so that members and visitors can find it easier. Pastor Sara would like to have the name of the assisting minister and acolyte listed in the bulletin.

The next council meeting will be on 23 June 2024, following worship service.

## **GATHERING@theTable**

**Gathering@theTable:** Beginning this week, Gathering@theTable is moving to the 3rd Thursday of each month during the summer.

The next meeting will be on June 20th at 6:15 p.m.

## **Praying for Possibilities!**

05/26-06/02 Anita Mitchell and Glenda Kilminster

06/02-06/09 Cathy Lyall and Laura Michael

06/09-06/16 Mike Roser and Frank DeLoache

06/16-06/23 Dawn Gibson and Nancy Mersereau

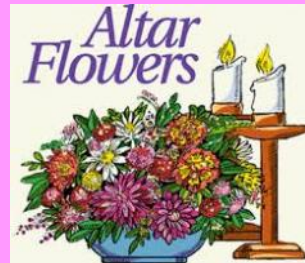
06/23-06/30 Sherry Wooldridge and Don Huff



## **2024 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS**

The 2024 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4CACAC29A6F4C16-46302964-2024>



## FAITH FORMATION

### **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.

**The Adult Sunday School class** will continue meeting into the summer to discuss Amy-Jill Levine's book, **The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently.** The discussions will begin on May 4 @ 9:15 am in the Education Wing Room 6. PLEASE join us!!

Esteemed Bible scholars and teachers Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Z. Brettler take readers on a guided tour of the most popular Hebrew Bible passages quoted in the New Testament to show what the texts meant in their original contexts and then how Jews and Christians, over time, understood those same texts. Passages include the creation of the world, the role of Adam and Eve, the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, the book of Jonah, and Psalm 22, whose words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me," Jesus quotes as he dies on the cross.

Comparing various interpretations – historical, literary, and theological - of each ancient text, Levine and Brettler offer deeper understandings of the original narratives and their many afterlives. They show how the text speaks to different generations under changed circumstances, and so illuminate the Bible's ongoing significance. By understanding the depth and variety by which these passages have been, and can be, understood, *The Bible With and Without Jesus* does more than enhance our religious understandings, it helps us to see the Bible as a source of inspiration for any and all readers.

**Confirmation Classes** will not meet in June. Instead, several of our Confirmands will participate in Kairos Camp at Lutheridge (June 16-21).

Kairos (Greek for "God's time") Camp is for confirmation-aged youth. Along with 100+ youth from across the southeast, our confirmation students will hear engaging speakers, participate in deep conversations, and join in awesome music as they grow closer to Jesus.

This year's focus will be Holy Week.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA at Living Saviour hosted the Spring Gathering of the Mecklenburg/Union Conference of the NC Women of the ELCA on May 4. Five churches from the conference were in attendance. Our ladies served brunch before all who were present participated in the business meeting and program. The program – “Called to Be Political (But I don’t Want to be Political)” elicited much discussion and was very enlightening.

During the business meeting, Pat Snodgrass volunteered and was elected to serve as Communications Director for the Meck/Union Conference. Congratulations and many thanks, Pat!

Two other items of note came from this Gathering. First, any of us who have been a part of a WELCA unit are being asked to write a brief paragraph about what WELCA has meant to us or how it has been important in our church life. These testimonies can be sent to Linda Davis at [ldavis704@gmail.com](mailto:ldavis704@gmail.com). They will become part of a new SOS (Support Our Sisters) program.

Secondly, Terri Brown is heading up a group of WELCA participants to go the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland in August. A few members of LSLC traveled to the warehouse about 8 or 9 years ago and found it to be an amazing experience. Please see the information found separately in this newsletter if you are interested.

One more item of importance...this month marks the tenth anniversary of our support of a young girl through Compassion International. WELCA first supported Sweata Kumari of India in 2013 for four years, but India no longer allows Compassion International to operate within its borders. We now, and have done so for six years, support Aata, a young girl in Ghana. Presently, support for Aata is \$540 annually. Anyone wishing to write brief notes to Aata would be most welcome!

Alice Jenkins



## **2024 LUTHEROAD REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

Registration and Health forms for the 2024 Lutheroad Day Camp are now available, either on the 'Greeters' table in the lobby or they may be downloaded online from our website at: [Living Saviour Lutheran Church » Lutheroad 2024 \(livingsaviourlc.org\)](https://livingsaviourlutheran.org/Lutheroad2024) .

The 2024 Day Camp will run from July 29-Aug. 2, 2024, 9:00 am-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 9:00 am-Noon on Friday.

Cost: Church member \$80 Non-member \$110.

Before & after care is available at \$75 for the week.

Care hours are:

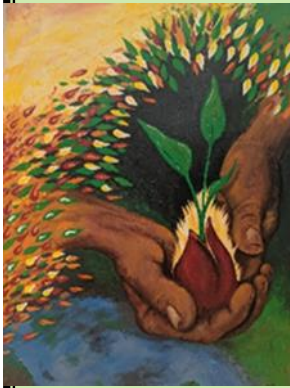
7:00—9:00 am & 4:00—6:00 pm Mon – Thurs

7:00—9:00 am & Noon—6:00 pm Friday

Please contact our awesome LSLC Coordinator, Russell Hinson, for any questions and/or more information.

## **GATHERING AT THE VINEYARD AND VESPER SERVICE**

- ⇒ WHEN? Sunday afternoon June 9. Grab some lunch after worship and then head on out!
- ⇒ WHO? All congregation is invited to join. Their guests are welcome too.
- ⇒ WHERE? Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard (about an hour's drive from LSLC). Opens at 2:00 p.m. Closes 5:00
- ⇒ WHAT TO BRING? Bring your own snacks if you'd like. Purchase wine or beverage on site.
- ⇒ WHO TO TALK TO? If you want more information, please speak to Pam or John Williams. Physical location and directions will be provided in the future.



## **Ministry of Health and Wholeness**

### **June 2024**

### **Focus: Disease Prevention through Exercise**

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*  
*Romans 12:1*

Physical activity can prevent or control high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke as well as diabetes. The World Health Organization recommends children and teens average 60 minutes /day of moderate to vigorous exercise. Adults need at least 150 hours/week(30 minutes 5x/week) of moderate to vigorous exercise.

### **Active Strength & Stamina:**

#### **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.
- Strength & Stamina - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

### **Have you heard about our Endowment Committee?**

The LSLC Endowment Committee is simply one of the best committees in the world! Our job is giving away money to those in need! This money is funded from the LSLC Endowment fund which holds funds from both current and estate gifts. Since 2018, we have used a small percentage of this fund to grant over \$68,000 in gifts to various organizations which has allowed LSLC to have a positive impact on our local community and the world. So far this year, we have donated to Project Outpour, Nourish Up, On Eagles Wings, The Community Culinary School of Charlotte, and The Dwelling.

#### **We need your help!**

- ◆ We are always looking for organizations that can benefit from our gifts. The donation request form can be found on our website. Church members are welcome to fill the form out on behalf of an organization in need, or you may forward the form to an organization and have them submit the form. <https://livingsaviourlc.org/wp-content/uploads/FormRequestforFunds.pdf>
- ◆ You can donate to the Endowment Fund!

Please contact Kristen Haigler, President of the Endowment Committee with any questions .

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, THROUGH THE MONTH OF  
APRIL (THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE BUDGET YEAR)**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions and Other Income	\$148,290	\$391,830
Expenses	<u>\$ 94,242</u>	<u>\$423,094</u>
Net Income over Expenses	\$ 54,048	\$ (31,264)

NOTES: Pledge income does not come in evenly because some pledges are paid in full, some periodically throughout the year. Other non-pledge giving also varies; miscellaneous income is dependent on activities scheduled on church property for which we receive payment (elections, recitals, other events that provide fees). Some expenses of the church also vary. Some are seasonally impacted, some maintenance-related may only be billed once or twice a year and others vary with planned activities.

The following are the balances as of the end of April for:

Facilities Reserve	\$38,129
Shabla Gift Fund	\$27,810

We thank you as always for your generous gifts of money, time and talent to support Living Saviour's mission and ministries.

**LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF**

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# JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				May 30 Synod Spring Gathering	May 31 Synod Spring Gathering	1 Synod Spring Gathering 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 2:00 p.m. Pat Moehring Piano Recital
2 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 3:00 p.m. Nancy Mersereau Piano Recital	3 6:15 p.m. Yoga	4 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chace 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	5 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	7	8 9:00 a.m. Bonsai Group 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga
9 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 2:34 Ukrainian Group Vespers @ The Vineyard	10 6:15 p.m. Yoga	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom) 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry	12 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m. LSLC Staff Meeting 6:15 p.m. Yoga	14	15 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga
16 <b>Kairos Camp</b> 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed	17 <b>Kairos Camp</b> 6:15 p.m. Yoga	18 <b>Kairos Camp</b> 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom)	19 <b>Kairos Camp</b> 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	20 <b>Kairos Camp</b> 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 11:15 a.m. Preschool Graduation 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	21 <b>Kairos Camp</b>	22 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga
23 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 12:00 p.m. Monthly Council meeting	24 6:15 p.m. Yoga	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. STEPP Group (Zoom)	26 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	27 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	28	29 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga
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