



The InnerNet

November 2024

REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, November 3rd! Don't forget to adjust your clocks (*Fall **back** one hour!*)

Grace to you and peace.

Lucy was baptized on All Saints Sunday. I was serving at Nativity Lutheran...a congregation in Arden, NC - just outside the gates of Lutheridge and about 15-20 minutes from downtown Asheville. I was serving on a pastoral team and, while the other pastor thought All Saints Sunday was way too busy to add a baptism to the service, the musician and I thought it was the perfect day for a baptism. We won!

We bracketed the day with tears...Those of a new squealing and squirming saint marked forever in the water and word of baptism and those shed for lives of saints remembered.

Saints come in all shapes and sizes and ages.

Saints are those who make us laugh and sit with us when we cry.

They are the ones who challenge and comfort and cheer for us.

They might know our names or maybe not. And we may never know theirs. The impact they make may be almost imperceptible, or we may know very well that our lives are changed as a result of their part in it.

Saints are the ones who feed and clothe and visit and heal and welcome with abandon (ala Mt. 25:31ff). They are you. And they are me. They are the ones whose loss we grieve and those whose lives have yet to begin.

All Saints Sunday is one of the best examples of the both/and-ness of the life of faith. Celebrating and giving thanks for the saints who have gone before us – those who have entered the Church Triumphant and are feasting together at the Great Banquet. Those who set for us an example (even if not always a perfect one) of what it looks like to live and love like Jesus...to live a life of abundance. It is a day to give thanks for their lives and to allow the grief of their loss to be spoken and shared. Too, it is a day to recognize the saints among us every day. The saints we each are as those created in the image of God. The saints we bump up against as we go through each moment...certainly beside us in the pew or around the altar, but too in the grocery store or in line to vote.

May we always start there...Recognizing each person as a saint (perhaps in hiding, but a saint, nonetheless).

Peace and much love,
+ Pr. Sara

Worship Service Live Streaming: on-line https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuMJ5vxpQpMZLB8638JxE_w or through our website: www.livingsaviourlc.org.

Congregation Acknowledgements!!

November Anniversaries

11/09 Gregg and Anita Mitchell (50)

11/19 Jeanne and Brook Davis (58)

11/22 Fred and Sue Hunsinger (34)



November Birthdays

11/03 Judy Hughes

11/04 Corky Carver, Amanda Thom

11/05 Tom Tobin

11/08 Barbara Tobin

11/11 Karter Haigler

11/15 Cindy Meadows, Cole Plunkett

11/19 Debby Borrelli, Logan Campbell, Margaret Krause

11/20 Kathy DeLoache

11/23 Caroline Cochran

11/26 Benjamin Thom

11/27 Johanna Krause



Church Information!!

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
Laura Schwab	Financial Secretary
Linda Frixen	Outreach
Laura Michael	Health & Wholeness
Pat Sipe	Lay Care

The next Council Meeting will be on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**
at 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

LIVING SAVIOUR CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Sara Ilderton , Pastor	pastorsara@livingsaviourlc.org
Don Huff , Minister of Worship and Music	dhuff@livingsaviourlc.org
Ruth Mayes , Administrative Assistant	ruth@livingsaviourlc.org
Nancy Mersereau , Organist and Music Assistant	nancyqqq@aol.com
Carla Gearheart , Childcare Provider	carla.gearheart@yahoo.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

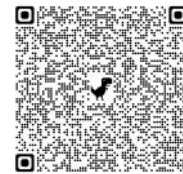
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, November 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will continue having our meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

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 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



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.

BAKE SALE COMING UP SOON!

December 7 is the date for the annual Craft Fair at LSLC. As part of the Fair, WELCA hosts a Bake Sale table to raise funds for the projects, activities and ministries of the Women of the ELCA. We rely on our generous congregation members to supply home baked items for the table. We love to display your baked items, jams, breads, brownies, etc.! They fly off the table every year!

WELCA uses the profits from this day to support a child through Compassion International (annual cost - \$500), purchase special books at infant baptism, sponsor the Quilt Ministry, send money to WELCA state ministries at Spring and Fall Gatherings, and fill in as needed for LSLC needs.

Additionally, from these funds, we support a different local Charlotte ministry each year, we send money to Living Waters Lutheran Church in Cherokee and nationally, we support Lutheran World Relief.

So, please get your aprons on and find a favorite goody to add to our table!

GETTING READY FOR SHELTERING OUR NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

In anticipation of Living Saviour serving as a shelter for our neighbors experiencing homelessness 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”.

VAN DRIVER – Drive 15 passenger van from church to Roof Above (945 N College St.) on Sunday evening Timeframe -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**.

Praying for Possibilities!

10/27-11/03 Dawn Gibson and Nancy Mersereau

11/03-11/10 Jeanne Davis and Janet Mayer

11/10-11/17 Joyce Godwin and Glenda Kilminster

11/17-11/24 Lynn Hatcher and Glenda Kilminster

11/24-12/01 Mary Ann Eller and Janet Axtman



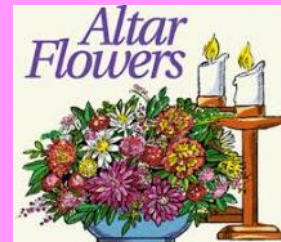
2024 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The 2024 Altar Flowers online chart is now available at:

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

Open Sundays:

- ◆ December 1st
- ◆ December 29th



WE NEED COUNTERS – CAN YOU HELP?

If you are interested in assisting with counting contributions after service, please contact Laura Schwab (980-229-3900 or lboatwright@gmail.com). The task can usually be completed in less than 30 minutes.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning November 6th, we will begin a study of The First Advent in Palestine; Reversals, Resistance and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope by Kelly Nikondeha.

Please get the book. On Amazon it is \$14.59. It is available on Kindle also. It may be available at your favorite bookstore - not sure.

Please join us on Wednesdays at 10AM for discussion and conversation. All are welcome. Any questions please email or call Janet Mayer.

2024 WELCA FALL CONFERENCE

The 2024 WELCA Mecklenburg-Union Fall Conference Gathering will be held on Saturday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m. The gathering will be held at Morning Star Chapel, 12900 Idlewilde Road in Matthews, NC. The cost will be \$8100 per person.

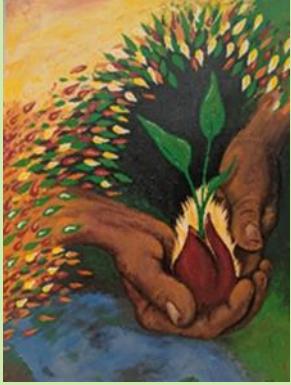
Please register with Patti Szmuriga, 704-893-0231 or 704-621-3005.

Offerings will be given to Feeding the Carolinas <https://feedingtogethercarolinas.org>, an organization dedicated to ending Food Insecurity in the Carolinas. The 2024 Pennies Offering will go to Sleep in Heavenly Peace <https://shpbeds.org>, whose mission is simple: "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"

An In-Kind Offering will go to Monies for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

The registration deadline is Thursday, October 31st., cost is \$8.00 If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Fuller (704-661-9507).

Ministry of Health and Wholeness November 2024



Focus:

Learn about your end of life options for you and your loved ones and write down your wishes. Join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday November 10 at 11:45 am for a presentation by Atrium Health. Advanced Directive forms and a notary will be provided. Dr. Katy Gleditsch (Parham) from our congregation will also be attending to help guide us and answer questions. She is the Director of Pediatric Palliative Care for Atrium Health. You will be glad you came! Bring friends and family!

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. (Not meeting on Thanksgiving Day)
 - ◆ Saturdays - 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Chair Yoga - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. (Not meeting on Thanksgiving Day)
- ◆ Strength and Stamina - Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Walking Group:
 - ◆ Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.
 - ◆ The first Sunday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

The Living Saviour Walkers will be walking the Sugar Creek Greenway every Wednesday at 12 noon. Join us at 12031 Lancaster Highway Pineville at the James Polk Historic Site to walk this beautiful paved trail surrounded by nature.

Another option is offered the first Sunday of each month **starting November 3** at 12 noon. The Sunday group will meet at McAlpine Creek and 4 Mile Creek Greenway at 11823 Johnston Road Charlotte.

Bring water and comfortable walking shoes. Both trails are close to the church. Come join us when you can! Sponsored by Health and Wholeness Ministry. Call Laura Michael 980-214-7171 for information.

FAITH FORMATION!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH ASSISTANTS AND ADULTS:

ADULTS - 9:15 am in the Education Wing

CHILDREN - 9:30 am Downstairs

Adults will conclude the discussion of Jesus and the Disinherited (Thurman) on Sunday, Nov. 3rd.

Beginning Nov. 10, the adult class will start Love without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions (Jacqueline A. Bussie). Please join us!!

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!

Strive ~ AOB

**4th Sunday of each month
from 11:45 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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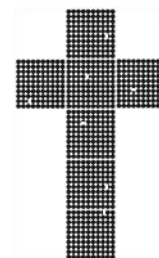
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GATHERING@theTable

Gathering@theTable will be held on the 14th and 21st of November, and on the 5th and 19th of December.

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation



“Because of God’s Great Mercy” is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is I Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.”

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title “Because of God’s Great Mercy.” God has made us God’s own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian’s life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Living Saviour Lutheran Church is an important part of our Christian faith, and how Living Saviour Lutheran Church uses our offerings to do God’s work within the congregation’s walls, in our community, and around the world.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to Living Saviour Lutheran Church by at least ½ of 1% of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using an automatic funds transfer program that Living Saviour Lutheran Church already has in place for your giving.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation’s life.

Summary of 20 October 2024 Council Meeting

The Stewardship committee is planning to use a program from the ELCA and NC Synod titled "Because of God's Great Mercy" and details of the program, along with Time and Talent forms, will be mailed out in mid-November.

The Finance Committee prepared budget reports for the Council and the treasurer requested to put our gas and electric bills on equal payment plans, which the Council approved.

There are three members of the Council whose terms will be complete in January, Steve Vick, Pat Sipe, and Janet Axtman, so the Council has been discussing who might be willing to run for Council at the Annual Meeting.

A pot luck lunch is planned for Sunday 27 October 2024 after worship service to thank Larry and Janet Wagstaff, Cindy and Tim Meadows, and Janet and Steve Axtman for all the work they have done to maintain our property.

There will be a new member Sunday in December.

The Sunday before election day, 3 November 2024, is All Saints Sunday and a brief gathering and prayer at the Meditation Cross after worship service is planned.

Council is beginning to work on the Annual Report that is required for the Annual Meeting in January 2025.

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2 9:30 a.m. WELCA Fall Conference 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
3 All Saints Sunday 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Walking Group 2:45 Ukrainian Group	4 6:15 p.m. Yoga	5 Election Day 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Quilt Ministry	6 10:00 am. Bible Study 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	7 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga	8	9 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
10 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 11:45 a.m. Health & Wholeness End-of-Life seminar	11 Veteran's Day, church office closed 6:15 p.m. Yoga	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	13 10:00 am. Bible Study 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	14 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	15 Cub Scout Troop 265 Overnight Shut-in	16 Cub Scout Troop 265 Overnight Shut-in 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina
17 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 12:00 p.m. Monthly Council Meeting	18 6:15 p.m. Yoga	19 9:30 a.m. Yoga	20 10:00 am. Bible Study 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	21 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:15 p.m. Gathering@theTable	22	23 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina
24 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Live Streamed 11:45 Strive ~ AOB	25 10:30 a.m. Preschool International Lunch Day 6:15 p.m. Yoga	26 9:30 a.m. Yoga	27 5:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers	28 Thanksgiving Day; church office closed	29 Thanksgiving Holiday; church office closed	30 9:30 a.m. Strength & Stamina 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You