

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Announcements for the Week of January 4, 2015

Second Sunday of Christmas

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor

Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music

Bradley Shea Berbaum, Director of Youth and Family



God's Work:
Our Hands

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: We are delighted you are here and have been praying for you. If this is your first time, we are honored you chose to worship with us. We invite you to leave contact information on our Friendship pad and to stop by the Welcome Center. Our greeters can give you a tour or answer any questions you may have. Children are welcome in worship, or we have a nursery available downstairs, where Ms. Carla will lovingly care for your children. Restrooms are located in the sanctuary through the door directly opposite the entrance doors. We pray this worship will renew us and prepare us to go out into God's world to love and serve in our daily lives.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given this morning by John and Pam Williams to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthday of their daughter, Anna DeBolt.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA(S) HOME TODAY, when you leave the church . Thank you.

WORSHIP THIS MORNING consists of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, with Holy Communion. Musical offerings are included in your worship folder.

HAPPY EPIPHANY: During the weeks of Epiphany, and beginning on the Twelfth Day of Christmas, January 5, it is a season of light and revealing. One of the rituals of the season, is to invite the pastor to come to your home and do a blessing of your dwelling. This ritual can take as little as 10 minutes, but typically 30 minutes allows time for chatting and to do a whole house blessing, if you'd like. Pastor is scheduling time during the month of January and early February. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. She'd love to come and bless you and your home for 2015!

JOIN A CHOIR IN JANUARY. Rehearsals begin as follows: Alleluia Ringers - January 14 , 6:00 p.m.; Living Saviour Choir - January 14, 7:00 p.m.; Celebration and Joy Children's Choirs - January 18, following worship; Jubilate Youth Ringers - beginning in February; Youth Instrumental Ensemble - TBA. New members are welcome! Questions? See **Don Huff**.

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL DATES

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| Sunday, January 11 | Town Hall Meeting following worship to receive and discuss the 2015 Budget |
| Sunday, January 25 | Congregational Meeting following worship to vote on: — the proposed 2015 Budget — the LSLC representatives to the Synod Assembly, May 28-30, in Greensboro, NC |

FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes this morning.

FAITH FORUM class for adults will meet at 9:15 a.m. this morning for the series The Greatest Story: Bible Introduction. This morning we will turn to the New Testament portion. In the Gospels we will meet Jesus, the one who is at the center of the story.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES/SIMPLY GIVING: We have put the new envelopes alphabetically on a table in the Gathering Area. For those who did not use their 2014 envelopes, you may not have been provided with a set of envelopes. If you did not receive envelopes, but would like to use them, please let Jim Huddle know and he will provide you with a set. You may e-mail him at jrhuddle@carolina.rr.com. On behalf of the tellers, please consider Simply Giving (a bank draft, contact Jim Huddle for details) or using Offering Envelopes (vs a loose check in the offering plate). Simply Giving is the most accurate and least time consuming method for the tellers. Offering Envelopes provide greater accuracy than loose checks because the preprinted envelope number accurately identifies the giver. In any event, thank you for your support of Living Saviour and its mission.

LUTHERAN MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE BEGINS JAN. 9th: Last chance to sign up for this handicap bowling league. It takes place at Carolina Lanes in Matthews on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. (with practice bowling at 6:50 p.m.). The cost is \$13 per person and **begins on Friday night, January 9th** and will run for 12 to 14 weeks. We are also looking for people who wish to be a substitute. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Questions? Contact Wayne Thom or waynethomNC@aol.com.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA -- QUILT MINISTRY WORKSHOP: On **Thursday, January 8 from 10 to noon** we will gather to cut quilt backs to size, assemble quilt layers, and prepare quilts for stitching layers together. No special skills are required. All ladies are welcome!

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP DAY: On **Sat., January 10**, Living Saviour will provide table space and chairs in our Fellowship Hall so that members and friends can work on their own craft projects and home hobbies. **We will start at 9 a.m. and plan to clean up and leave by 5 p.m.** Bring your own craft supplies for whatever project you might enjoy working on as you visit with friends! If your project needs an extension cord or lamp, please bring one. You may bring your own lunch or money to either eat out or have something delivered. Please let either Lorene Thom (lorenethom@aol.com) or Shallen Gordon (Shallen@GordonFamily.com) know if you plan on attending.

DINNER NIGHT OUT: All are welcome to join us at Hickory Tavern (NOTE—new location!), 12210 Copper Way, Suite 212 (in Ballantyne) on **Tuesday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m.** for a Dutch treat dinner. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Questions? Contact Pam or John Williams at jfwilliams7200@aol.com.

HOPE CIRCLE will meet on **Thursday, January 15 at 1 p.m.** to work on counting and packaging a variety of service projects – Campbell's soup labels, Education boxtops, and organizing travel-sized toiletries for RITI. Ladies, please bring along any labels, boxtops or toiletries you may have at home, or deposit in the box provided in the Fellowship Hall if you are unable to attend.

TIME TO SIGN UP TO BE A PRAYER PARTNER for 2015 — See forms on the kiosk.

Living the Baptized LifeFaith Practices
LIVE HEAR PROCLAIM SERVE STRIVE

"Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing," said Martin Luther. We continually strive to build our faith and live in response to God's teachings.

Through baptism we are called to "...live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth." In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America we describe these instructions as "faith practices" that guide our daily living.

During the weeks between Epiphany (Jan 6) and Ash Wed (Feb 18) the sermons will focus on these Faith Practices. Perhaps you thought yourself too old, or too young to practice such things! Isn't that stuff only for confirmation students? No! We all, no matter our age, need to practice faith forming ways of living. We will explore a variety of ways to build faith forming practices into each day.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Today: Faith and Fellowship (Grades 6-12) at 5:00 p.m.

LUTHERIDGE LOOKING FOR COLLEGE AGE SUMMER STAFF: If you have finished one year of college and wish get more information or be considered for a summer staff counseling position at Lutheridge, please go to this website below where you will find information and an online application. Program and support staff positions are also available. <http://www.novusway.com/get-involved/risummerstaff.aspx>.

WINTER DEVOTIONAL BOOKS AVAILABLE: The latest issue of *The Word in Season* is available for members and visitors. Please pick up a copy from the rack on the wall as you exit the sanctuary. *The Spark Family: God's Great BIG Promises* is also available for families.

SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -- Winter Warm Up Clothes Drive! They are in need of the following new or gently used items for students in preschool through fifth grade: winter coats, warm sweatshirts and sweaters, gloves/mittens, hats and scarves. Please bring your donations to their front office (3200 Smithfield Church Road, CLT 28210). Thank you for helping keep their students warm! See the January newsletter for many other opportunities to help in the ministry of Smithfield Elementary School.

THOSE HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK: Jose Royo (CMC Main) - transferred to CMC-Pineville Rehab on December 31; and Jeff Connor (Piedmont Hospital in Rock Hill) - went home on December 31.

SERVING ROOM IN THE INN TODAY AND NEXT WEEKEND

We want to thank our 521 Barbeque in Indian Land for providing the meal to our homeless neighbors this evening at Living Saviour. Please go by and say thanks to the folks at 521 BBQ if you are in the area.

Our members serving Room In The Inn next weekend (**January 9-11**) will be: Pastor Angela and Brian Powell, the 10 a.m. Adult Volunteer Team, Kari, Scott and Kariya Proctor, Alice Jenkins, Margaret Conrad, Jean Davis and Lynn Stephens and Donna Loges. Thanks to all for your contributions to LSLC's valuable ministry to the homeless.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Last Week's Attendance: 100

Sunday, January 4

Epiphany Sunday
 Sunday School and Faith Forum 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:15 a.m.
 Room In The Inn 10:00 a.m.--6:00 a.m.
 Youth Group (Grades 6-12) 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 5

Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 a.m.
 Girl Scouts #164 5:00 p.m.
 Boy Scouts #165 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6

Brownie Troop #1686 6:00 p.m.
 Cub Scouts Pancake Supper 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7

Take Down Christmas Tree 10:00 a.m.
 No Bible Study—Resumes January 14th
 No Choir—Resumes January 14th

Thursday, January 8

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.
 Shepherd Ctr. Of CLT Bridge Group 10:15 a.m.
 Discipleship Group 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

Craft Fellowship Group 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11

Baptism of Our Lord
 Sunday School and Faith Forum 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:15 a.m.
 Room In The Inn 10:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m.
 Town Hall Meeting Following service
 Youth Group (Grades 6-12) 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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| Greeter | Cliff and Mary Pulkas |
| Head Usher | David Nein |
| Ushers | Marty Jenkins, John Sahr, Dan Sundberg |
| Assisting Minister | Ray Kilminster |
| Communion Servers | Chalice: Caren Ballantine, Joy Forster Tray: Elisabeth Forster, Linda Honeycutt |
| Acolyte | Lisa Krause |
| Childcare Attendants | Carla Gearheart, Alexis Willis, Kari Proctor |
| Altar Guild | Jean Dunne, Alice Jenkins, Jan Sundberg |
| Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.) | Steve Vick, Cathy Lyall |

Serving Next Week —January 11

10:15— Betty Reynolds; David Nein; Marty Jenkins, John Sahr, Dan Sundberg, Rufus Gregory; Jim Huddle; Robin LaFollette, Anita Mitchell, Tami Coltrane, Ashlyn Ciczuzza-Beach; Acolytes - TBD; Carla Gearheart, Ashley Houseton, Lori Kolasch; Jean Dunne, Alice Jenkins, Jan Sundberg; Greg Funk

Carmel Place (9:15) – Greg Funk

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY Pastor Angela can be reached on her day off or on weekends, at 704-408-9534. She will return your call as soon as possible.

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