



# LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Announcements for the Week of January 11, 2015

Second Sunday of Christmas



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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 Don and Anna Pearce to the Glory of God and in memory of B.B. and Clyde Pearce and Thomas Wingate.

**HOLY BAPTISM:** This morning we welcome **Cooper William Thom**, son of Andrew and Amanda Thom, into the Lord's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Cooper's sponsors are Kristen and Ben Freeman. Let us pray for Cooper, his parents, sponsors, and proud grandparents (Wayne and Lorene Thom and Marty and Alice Jenkins) that our Lord will bless them as they grow in their faith.

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAY MILESTONE:** This morning the Child in Our Hands is recognizing all those who were baptized at Living Saviour in 2014. Living Saviour Lutheran Church is committed to helping families live out the gifts and promises of baptism. These children were baptized at LSLC in 2014: **William David Houseton, Emma Katherine Cunningham, Elias John Bowman, Hudson Taylor Guinn, Penelope Kate Zeis, Logan Keith Gordon, and Zachary Blake Greve.**

**HOUSE BLESSING:** One of the rituals of the Epiphany 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!

### IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL DATES

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| <b>This Morning @ 11:30 a.m.</b> | Town Hall Meeting to receive and discuss the proposed budget  |
| <b>Sunday, January 25</b>        | Congregational Meeting following worship to vote on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— the proposed 2015 Budget</li> <li>— the LSLC representatives to the Synod Assembly, May 28-30, in Greensboro, NC</li> </ul> |

## FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** and **FAITH FORUM** join together this morning for a Cross+Gen about baptism. This will be an interactive opportunity for all ages to learn about baptism and a small skit will be presented as well. Join in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. Next Sunday, Faith Forum will resume their series on The Greatest Story: Bible Introduction.

**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The 2015 offering envelopes have been placed 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](mailto:jrhuddle@carolina.rr.com). Thank you for your support of Living Saviour and its mission.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jfwilliams7200@aol.com).

**2015 PRAYER PARTNERS:** Ladies, it is time to consider being a Prayer Partner for this new year. This offers a time to get to know one person better, to have a one on one caring and sharing experience, and to enrich your life, and hers, throughout the year with this secret exchange of cards, small gifts, and of course, PRAYER! If interested, please complete one of the cards posted on the kiosk and you will be notified in a few weeks who your prayer partner will be.

**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.

**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.

**OUR PRESCHOOL IS HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL LUNCH GATHERING — YOU ARE INVITED:** Our preschool is made up of children of a number of ethnicities and to celebrate their diversity, they are hosting a gathering on **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** for preschool parents and students, teachers. In a conscious effort to be more connected to the congregation, they are asking our own LSLC members to participate as well. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the kiosk. Anyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share from their favorite culture. Please let us join together with our preschool teachers/students/parents and church members as we immerse ourselves in a variety of multicultural food, music and new friends!



**SPONSORSHIP OF CHILD FROM INDIA:** Would you consider sponsoring our Compassion International child from India, Sweata Kumari, for one month in 2015? For only \$38 a month, we can fund her education, health care, social development and Bible study. We can really make a difference to her and her family to break the bonds of poverty and avoid exploitation. See the kiosk for more information.

**Living the Baptized Life .....Faith Practices**  
***“To Live Among God’s Faithful People”***

This week we celebrated the Baptism of Our Lord, our own baptisms and Cooper Thom’s baptism. Baptism is the beginning of our new life in Christ, when we are claimed as God’s own people who now live life in a fuller, more intentional, abundant way and given the Holy Spirit to enable us to live this new life. This new life can also be called the life of a disciple, and discipleship is the lifelong process of living into the covenant relationship God made with us and the faith community. It takes practice to live this new life.

The first practice is *to live among God’s faithful people*. This means we choose to live as part of a faith community, not only worshipping but also participating. As we live among God’s people we learn to share the message of God’s grace and love; we learn to live that message as we forgive others, encourage and care for them in joy and in struggle, share together in mission, recognize that all we have comes from God. We share a portion of that which God has entrusted us, we read and study God’s word, and receive the Lord’s Supper.

The Challenge this week: Think about how often you attend worship.

1. Would you say you are choosing to live out the life of a disciple by regularly living among God’s faithful people? If you find it hard to attend regularly, what can you do at home or away to connect with God, and nurture that relationship? What can you do to stay connected to the church, especially if you are away frequently?
2. If you do attend worship regularly, how are you doing when it comes to sharing yourself, your time and your treasures for the glory of God’s kingdom? Would you say your life reflects God’s grace to the world? Why or why not? Pray that God enables you to be a living witness to the faith God has given you.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

**Today:** Faith and Fellowship (Grades 6-12) at 4:00 p.m. (note change due to Room In The Inn)

**Next Sunday, January 18:** “Destination unknown”

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUB SALE:** The youth will continue our tradition of providing sub sandwiches for your Super Bowl festivities this year on February 1. Subs are \$5 each. Order forms are available now and will be until Jan. 25. Please place completed forms in the envelope on the YOUTH bulletin board. Payment is due at pick-up on February 1 BEFORE worship. Proceeds will go towards the cost of the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. Please support our youth for this most worthwhile experience!

**CHURCH COUNCIL** has elected the following as officers for 2015: President—C.D. Hathcock; Vice-President — Caren Ballantine; Secretary—Lillian Stephens; and Treasurer—Steve Westphal. We thank them for the time and dedication they will provide to our congregation.

**SERVING ROOM IN THE INN TODAY AND NEXT WEEKEND**

We want to thank Chipotle Mexican Grill on Pineville-Matthews Road for providing the meal to our homeless neighbors this evening at Living Saviour. When you visit their restaurant, please thank them for supporting LSLC and our neighbors.

Our members serving Room In The Inn next weekend (**January 17-19**) will be: Bill and Corky Carver, the High School team, Alice Jenkins, Karen Kaufeld, Linda Frixen, Mary Ann Eller, Jan Sundberg, and Maria Rozhin. Thanks to all for your contributions to LSLC’s ministry to our homeless neighbors.

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Last Week's Attendance: 159

## Sunday, January 11

*Baptism of Our Lord*  
 Cross+Gen Sunday School on Baptism (in F.H.) 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) 4:00 p.m.

## Monday, January 12

Boy Scouts #165 6:45 p.m.

## Tuesday, January 13

Dinner Night Out @ Hickory Tavern 6:30 p.m.  
 Cub Scouts #265 6:45 p.m.

## Wednesday, January 14

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
 Praying with Scripture 1:00 p.m.  
 Alleluia Bell Choir 6:00 p.m.  
 Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, January 15

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.  
 Shepherd Ctr. Of CLT Bridge Group 10:15 a.m.  
 Hope Circle 1:00 p.m.  
 Discipleship Group 7:00 p.m.  
 Cub Scouts Parent/Leader Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, January 16

Discipleship Group 9:30 a.m.  
 Preschool International Day—members invited 11:30 a.m.

## Saturday, January 17

## Sunday, January 18

*Epiphany 2*  
 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.  
 Celebration and Joy Children's Choirs Following service  
 Youth Group—Destination Unknown (Grades 6-12)

*Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeter	Betty Reynolds
Head Usher	David Nein
Ushers	Marty Jenkins, John Sahr, Dan Sundberg, Rufus Gregory
Assisting Minister	Jim Huddle
Communion Servers	Chalice: Anita Mitchell, Robin LaFollette Tray: Tami Coltrane, Ashlyn Ciczuzza-Beach
Acolyte	Andrew LaFollette, Collin Quinlan
Childcare Attendants	Carla Gearheart, Ashley Houseton, Lori Kolasch
Altar Guild	Jean Dunne, Alice Jenkins, Jan Sundberg
Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.)	Greg Funk

## Serving Next Week —January 18

**10:15**— Don and Laurie Markusen; David Nein; Marty Jenkins, John Sahr, Dan Sundberg, Rufus Gregory; Dan Haseley, Janet Mayer, Dawn Gibson, John Williams; Carla Gearheart, Carol Cochran, Amanda Jenkins; Jean Dunne, Alice Jenkins, Jan Sundberg.

**Carmel Place (9:15)** – Ray and Glenda Kilminster

**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.