



LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



Announcements for the Week of February 1, 2015

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor

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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.

THIS MORNING'S MUSICAL OFFERINGS:

Worship begins with the prelude. Please take this opportunity to speak to God and let Him speak to you.

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| Prelude | "When Mercy Found Me" | by Canipe and Pardo |
| | (Lillian Stephens, flute) | |
| At the Offering | "This Little Light of Mine" | by Helvey |
| Postlude | "Postlude" | by Dubois |

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given this morning by Glenn Stirewalt to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Stirewalt.

20th ANNUAL SUB SALE: A big THANK YOU to all who ordered subs. More than 100 sandwiches were ordered and prepared by our youth. The proceeds will go towards the cost of the youth attending the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit this summer. **Be sure to pick up and pay for your subs BEFORE worship today.** Make checks payable to LSLC—subs. Subs are \$5.00 each. Thanks for supporting our youth for this most worthwhile experience!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER and PALMS BURNING: Our Men's Bible Study Group will again be preparing the Pancake Supper on **Shrove Tuesday, February 17th.** Serving will be from **5:30—7:00 p.m.** Pastor Angela will be burning the palms from Palm Sunday at the end of the evening.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE is **Wednesday, February 18th** with a service with imposition of ashes at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR SHEA: Shea is in Detroit at the at the Extravaganza National Gathering for Youth Ministers. He will return on Monday. We pray for safe travels and insightful, helpful learning experiences about the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer.

Reminder—please pick up the 2015 Offering Envelopes on the table in the Gathering Area.

FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues this morning in the Education Wing at 9:15 a.m.

FAITH FORUM for adults continues with a 16 week DVD study, The Greatest Story:

Bible Introduction. This morning we continue studying the New Testament: Chapter 12: *You Will Be My Witnesses (Acts).*

LSLC EASTER FOOD COLLECTION FOR SMITHFIELD BACKPACK FAMILIES: LSLC is again planning to provide nutrition support for approximately 10 of the Smithfield Backpack Program students and their families during the Easter holiday weekend. The LSLC outpouring of support for the Thanksgiving food drive was extremely successful, and the need was obviously great. The goal again is to supply food items for those families that otherwise will have little food for the long nine day holiday week. Check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for suggestions of what could be donated, but any items will be appreciated. Collection boxes are in the Fellowship Hall through Sun., Mar. 29th. Financial contributions are also welcome so we can purchase perishable and/or gift cards just before we deliver Easter week.

SMITHFIELD BOOK FAIR – HELP NEEDED: Smithfield Elementary School is having a Book Fair on **Fri., February 6, 5:30—7:30 p.m., and Mon. and Tues., February 9 and 10, from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** They are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping, please contact Allie Lemons directly at allielemons76@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP WINE TASTING—SAVE THE DATE: Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on **Saturday, February 14th.** This will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marty and Alice Jenkins (9429 Briarwick Lane). Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and a bottle of wine (either Pinot Grigio or Pinot Noir). A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk.

The Pigs Are Coming! The Pigs Are Coming!



In 2014 the members of Living Savior supported the “Buck a Chick” to purchase 500 chickens at \$1 each through ELCA Good Gifts program to help stamp out world hunger. This year we hope you will support an effort to buy PIGS!

Just \$30 can provide a piglet to a family in need. When this little piggy grows up, she will give birth to as many as 16 piglets each year! Pigs help fertilize fields, provide food to eat and can be sold at market for much needed income. What a difference a piglet can make! **We are asking each family (or a group of people) to set a goal over the next 10 weeks (that's just \$3/week) to provide a blessing to these families that have so many needs.** We are offering an adorable piggy bank for you to save your money in. The banks will be collected on Easter Sunday- April 5. Piggy banks will be distributed through Sunday School classes and are available on the Welcome table in the entrance.

During the season of Lent we are asked to focus on all the blessings God has given us and how we can be a blessing to others through sacrificial giving. **Our goal is to be able to provide a minimum of 100 pigs!** (Think next year that would be 1600 pigs!) We hope you will help us fill God's global barnyard!

Questions? Contact anyone on the Stewardship Team: Caren Ballantine, Steve Westphal, Marty Jenkins, or Pastor Angela.

Living the Baptized Life *“Serve all people following the example of Jesus”*

The Sundays of January and February we are learning what it is to live as God’s sons or daughters. This new life begins in our baptism and is a lifelong process in which we practice following the way of Jesus. This week we heard about the faith practice, *“to serve all people following the example of Jesus.”*

How do we learn to practice serving all people following the example of Jesus? Watching our parents or grandparents; or someone admired. Others hear an invitation to do something at church that interests them; trying many things before they find that one passionate thing. Sharing your precious time and resources to serve others is living your baptismal covenant in loving response to the God who loved you first.

Serving is part of being used as God’s instrument of grace in the world. It is part of learning to die to yourself as you serve others, putting their needs first. This is not something the world typically appreciates. Yes, it is great when a group builds a house for Habitat, but it might be looked on with suspicion if one continues to donate time month after month to Habitat. Or perhaps you give your time each week to make sure something at church is cared for or ready for worship; some may look on that with concern thinking you give too much to the church. These are ways of sacrificially serving others is what living the baptized life is about; balanced with the needs of your family and yourself.

This business of serving in the name of Jesus Christ is part of the upside down kingdom being unfolded here and now. We serve those we love easily; others, not so easily. Jesus modelled a way of being with those unlike himself, those on the sidelines, those who struggled to fit in. He healed, loved, served, died; surrendering himself for all of us. Surrendering self, putting others first, sharing the resources God has given, are all part of the discipline of living a baptized life

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

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| Today | Youth—Begin assembling subs at 8:45 a.m. |
| Sun, Feb. 8 | All Youth will meet at 4:00 p.m. to help assemble small Valentine boxes for Smithfield teachers. |
| Sun, Feb. 15 | Middle School Youth — Fun, Faith, Fellowship |

KIDS IN CHRIST & YOUNG KIDS IN CHRIST

Saturday, Feb. 14 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Will meet at Bright Blessings, 608-A Matthews-Mint Hill Road, Matthews, NC.

THOSE HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK: Jose Royo, Dawn Gibson and Polly Farris are recuperating at home. We ask for prayers that each be restored to good health.

SERVING ROOM IN THE INN TODAY AND NEXT WEEKEND

We want to thank Caren and Rich Ballantine, Trudy Haseley and Mary Eller for providing the meal to our homeless neighbors this evening at Living Saviour. When you have the opportunity, please thank them for supporting our neighbors.

Our members serving Room In The Inn next weekend (**February 7-9**) will be: Shallen and Ron Gordon, the Adult Volunteer team, Terry Godwin, Ashley Houseton, Larry and Janet Wagstaff, Alice Jenkins, and Gail Fay. Thanks to all for your contributions to this valuable ministry to the homeless.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Last Week's Attendance: 197

Sunday, February 1

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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| Youth—gather to prepare subs | 8:45 a.m. |
| Sub Sale Pick-up | 9:00—10:15 a.m. |
| Sunday School and Faith Forum | 9:15 a.m. |
| Worship Service | 10:15 a.m. |
| Children's Choirs | 11:15 a.m. |
| Room In The Inn | 10:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m. |
| Youth Group (Grades 6-12) | 4:00 p.m. |

Monday, February 2

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| Prayer Shawl Ministry | 10:00 a.m. |
| Boy Scouts #165 | 6:30 p.m. |

Tuesday, February 3

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| Brownie Troop #1686 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Cub Scouts #265 Den Meetings | 6:45 p.m. |

Wednesday, February 4

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| Bible Study | 10:00 a.m. |
| Preschool—visit from the dentist | 10—10:30 a.m. |
| Praying with Scripture | 1:00 p.m. |
| Choirs | 6:00—8:30 p.m. |

Thursday, February 5

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| Men's Bible Study | 7:00 a.m. |
| Preschool—visit from the dentist | 10—10:30 a.m. |
| Shepherd Ctr. Of CLT Bridge Group | 10:15 a.m. |

Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 7

Sunday, February 8

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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| BOY SCOUT SUNDAY | |
| Sunday School and Faith Forum | 9:15 a.m. |
| Room In The Inn | 10:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m. |
| Worship Service | 10:15 a.m. |
| TCIOH Prayer Milestone (3 and 4 yo) | 10:15 a.m. |
| Children's Choirs | 11:15 a.m. |
| Jubilate Bells Rehearsal | 11:30 a.m. |
| Youth Group—(Grades 6-12) | 4:00 p.m. |

Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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| Greeter | Rich and Caren Ballantine |
| Head Usher | Chad Coltrane |
| Ushers | Gail Fay, Terry Godwin, Jerry Littlejohn |
| Assisting Minister | Lynn Stephens |
| Communion Servers | Chalice: Dia Hablutzel, Alice Royo Tray: Sally Ganz, George Goodman |
| Acolyte | Elisabeth Forster, Nicole Krause |
| Childcare Attendants | Carla Gearheart, Alissa Bowman, Cathy Williams |
| Altar Guild | Wayne and Lorene Thom, Anita Mitchell |
| Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.) | Steve Vick, Cathy Lyall |

Serving Next Week —February 8

10:15 — Bill Carver; Chad Coltrane; Terry Godwin, Jerry Littlejohn, Gail Fay; Cindy Quinlan; Karen Kaufeld, Janet Wagstaff, Larry Wagstaff, Elaine Horack; Victor Leaser, Andrew Williams; Carla Gearheart, Cindy Bergh, Scott Proctor; Wayne and Lorene Thom, Anita Mitchell

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.