LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Announcements for the Week of February 8, 2015

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor
Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music
Bradley Shea Berbaum, Director of Youth and Family

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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.

Prelude "In Christ Alone" Getty and Townend

(Lillian Stephens and Steve Vick)

At the Offering "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

Postlude "March"

Miller Marsh

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given this morning by Cub Pack #265 to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving of supporting Cub Scout Pack #265 and Boy Scout Troop #165.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY: Joining us this morning are members of Boy Scout Troop 165 and Cub Scout Pack 265. Thanks to *Anthony Fleming* for reading the first lesson this morning and *Creston Morrison* for reading the psalm. Greeters will be *Charlie Fox* and *Trent Lindley*. Scouts will also be helping with the ushering this morning. We welcome their participation. Among the Leaders in attendance this morning are: *John Thrasher* (Committee Chairman), *Gene Gazda* (Scoutmaster). Thank you to the boys and their leaders for the service they provide this church and our community.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD: Today Troop 165 will be collecting food to take to Loaves and Fishes, support Mecklenburg County's largest food drive of the year. In 2014, Scouts across the county collected 244,000 lbs. of food! Thank you for all you've done to support Scouting and this food drive.

TCIOH RECOGNIZES COMPLETION OF PRAYER MILESTONE: This morning, the Child in Our Hands recognizes the following children for completing the Prayer Milestone: *Cooper and Christopher Cunningham, Eric Greve, Reid Huber, Alexander McFadden, Addison Noonkester, Aaliah Rogers, and Jackson Thom*. Children learn that prayer is having a conversation with God and that it builds a relationship with Him. We pray that this will be the beginning of their special relationship with God and that families will encourage their child by making prayer a part of daily living.

THANKS to all who participated in our Sub Sale, yielding over \$800 to benefit our Youth Programs, and in particular, the Youth Gathering in Detroit. Special appreciation goes to Thrivent, Harris-Teeter, and Wayne Thom, who donated products for our use. Our youth and families are grateful for our congregation's generosity!

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:

<u>Bible Introduction</u>. This morning we continue studying the New Testament: Chapter 13: *The Power of God for Salvation (The Letters of Paul).*

PRIMETIMERS will meet this **Wednesday, February 11th at 11:30 a.m.** at Outback Steakhouse, 8338 Pineville-Matthews Road (note change in date due to Ash Wednesday.) All members and visitors 50 and over are welcome to attend for great food and fellowship. Questions? Contact Dawn Gibson at 704-542-1740 or fourleafclover@att.net

QUILT WORKSHOP will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 12, starting at 10 a.m**. We will be assembling the three layers of the quilts and readying them for stitching, and also cutting quilt squares for future quilts.

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.

HOPE CIRCLE will be coming up on **Thurs., Feb. 19th at 1 p.m.** We will discuss the book <u>Wild</u> by Cheryl Strayed plus have a devotion called Launch Into Lent. All LSLC women are invited to attend.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, February 17 - Serving from 5:30—7:00 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES Wednesday, February 18 - 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Following the 11:30 worship, a simple soup lunch will be served. All are welcome.

Weekly Wednesday evening Lenten Services will take place at 6:00—6:30 p.m. from February 25 through March 25.

SOUL FEAST is a group that will be forming on Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m., date to be determined. It will use a book <u>Soul Feast</u> by Marjorie Thompson, a practical book on how and why to do faith practices. All who hunger and thirst for a deeper spiritual life are welcome. Please see Pastor Angela if you would like more information or have a potential interest.

SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHERIDGE AND LUTHEROCK: We have received 2015 summer camp brochures — they can be found on the youth bulletin board. Or you may visit their website (www.novusway.com) to see the many opportunities for children, youth and families to have a fun, faith-filled experience. Since the camps as well as Living Saviour offer scholarship help, finances do not need to be an obstacle. Early bird discounts are available if registering by March 15. Join the middle schoolers, Pastor and Shea the week of June 14-20.

HAVE YOU PICKED UP A PIGGY BANK YET? This year we are supporting ELCA Good Gifts program to help stamp out world hunger by buying a \$30 piglet for 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. We are asking families to save just \$3/week to provide a blessing to these families that have so many needs. The banks will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 5th.

THANK YOU FROM DAWN GIBSON: Thank you for all the get well cards, phone calls, flowers and food, but especially for all the prayers. Everything lifted my spirits and made my recovery faster. I thank God and my loving church family. Blessings to all – Dawn

Living the Baptized Life "Striving for justice and peace in all the earth"

This is the last Sunday we will focus on living the baptized life. We are reminded that we have a new life as God's sons and daughters which begins in our baptism and is a lifelong process where we practice following the way of Jesus. This week we heard about the faith practice, "to strive for justice and peace in all the earth."

This call to strive for justice and peace is perhaps the hardest one to live out. Justice and peace issues seem outside our normal life; they happen to "them, over there" not "us, right here." We often turn a blind eye and close our ears. Yet God has called all of us to practice this in our own lives, right here and right now. Why should we and how do we go about it?

We should work to bring in justice and peace because it is the good news about God's mission. Think of Mary and what she proclaimed when the angel visited—God has shown his strength, scattered the proud, filled the hungry, sent the rich away empty (Luke 1.46-55). God is about an upside down inside out kingdom. Jesus went to the sinners and brought them good news. We are called to help bring in this kingdom as well with our words and deeds.

Right here and right now we can pray for peace and justice in the world. We can examine our own attitudes to those who are unlike ourselves—are we loving or condemning; welcoming or excluding; open to or closed? Seek to forgive ourselves and ask to be changed. We can work with and through the government to bring health and wholeness to broken systems; work to keep God's creation green; speak boldly against injustice right where we are—bullying, put downs, exclusions. We can work for peace in our community, finding ways to bring the gospel to bear in situations of tension and hurt.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Today High School 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

Sun., March 8 Campformation Forms Due

KIDS IN CHRIST & YOUNG KIDS IN CHRIST

CHANGE IN DATE Saturday, MARCH 14 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

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

<u>LSLC EASTER FOOD COLLECTION FOR SMITHFIELD BACKPACK FAMILIES</u>: Collection boxes will be located in the Fellowship Hall until March 29. Suggestions of what could be donated are listed on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

THOSE HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK: Harry Gibson had outpatient surgery this past Tuesday at CMC Mercy and is recuperating at home. Also, 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 Salsaritas for providing the meal to our homeless neighbors this evening at Living Saviour. When you have the opportunity, please stop by their store on 8400 Park Road and thank them for supporting our neighbors.

Our members serving Room In The Inn next weekend (**February 14-16**) will be: David and Nancy Nein, High School Team, Linda Frixen, Karen Kaufeld, Kathy Sullivan, Alice Jenkins, Charlie Gribble, Janet Mayer, Deb Borley. Thanks to all for your contributions to this valuable ministry to the homeless.

THIS WEEK 3 ACTIVITIES		Last Week's Attend	dance. 171
Sunday, February 8		Thursday, February 12	
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany		Men's Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY		Quilt Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Faith Forum	9:15 a.m.	Shepherd Ctr. Of CLT Bridge Group	10:15 a.m.
Room In The Inn	10:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m.	Friday Fahrusay 42	
Worship Service	10:15 a.m.	Friday, February 13	
TCIOH Prayer Milestone (3 and 4 yo)	10:15 a.m.	Preschool Closed	
Children's Choirs	11:15 a.m.	Saturday, February 14	
Jubilate Bells Rehearsal	11:30 a.m.	KIC and YKIC at Bright Blessings	12—1:30 p.m.
High School Youth Group	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Group Wine Tasting Party @ Jenkins	•
Monday, February 9		6 1 51 1 45	•
Boy Scouts #165	6:30 p.m.	Sunday, February 15	
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Tuesday, February 10	6.4-	Children's Choirs Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts #265 Den Meetings	6:45 p.m.	Sunday School and Faith Forum	9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, February 11			0:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service	10:15 a.m.
Primetimers at Outback	11:30 a.m.	Church Council	11:45 a.m.
Praying with Scripture	1:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group	4:00 p.m.
Choirs	6:00—8:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts Parent/Leader Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeter Boy Scouts (Charlie Fox, Trent Lindley)

Head Usher Chad Coltrane

Ushers Gail Fay, Terry Godwin, Jerry Littlejohn

Assisting Minister Cindy Quinlan

Communion Servers Chalice: Karen Kaufeld, Janet Wagstaff

Tray: Elaine Horack, Larry Wagstaff

Acolyte Victor Leeser and Andrew Williams

Childcare Attendants Carla Gearheart, Scott Proctor, TBD

Altar Guild Wayne and Lorene Thom, Anita Mitchell

Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.) Greg Funk

Serving Next Week —February 15

10:15 — Dan Haseley; Chad Coltrane; Terry Godwin, Jerry Littlejohn, Gail Fay; Steve Vick; Shea Berbaum, Lorene Thom, Caren Ballantine, Lillian Stephens; Nicky Sample and Kenneth Cochran; Carla Gearheart, Beth Hawley, Chris Proctor; Wayne and Lorene Thom, Anita Mitchell

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.