## LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



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# Announcements for the Week of March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music

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God's Work: Our Hands

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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.

"What Wondrous Love Is This" Prelude

Raney "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" Greer

At The Offering (Alleluia Ringers/Barbara Tobin, clarinet)

I Am a Friend of God

**Camp Vivace** (Music, Arts and Drama Camp)

## Monday—Friday. July 13—17 . . . . 9 a.m. thru 2:30 p.m.

For Rising Second to Sixth Graders

What does it mean to be a Friend of God? A 38 minute Camp Vivace musical will be presented on Friday evening, July 17th. It's a fun kids production and will bring a timely and powerful message to our children against bullying, and highlighting the power of the words they use and what it means to be a good and faithful friend. The Registration Form is available on our website.

FORWARD TOGETHER TOWN HALL MEETING: On Sunday, March 22, following the worship service, we will have an update from the Forward Together Ministry Team. Please join us.

EASTER LILIES—TODAY IS LAST DAY TO ORDER: The cost for each lily is \$9.50. Please place completed forms and check in the envelope on the kiosk in the Gathering Area.

LSLC EASTER FOOD COLLECTION FOR SMITHFIELD BACKPACK FAMILIES: We are again providing nutrition support for approximately 10 of the Smithfield Backpack Program students and their families during the long nine-day Easter holiday week. The goal is to supply food items for those families that otherwise will have little food for the long holiday week. A list of suggested donations is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, but any items would be appreciated. Collection boxes will be in the Fellowship Hall through Sun, March 29th. Financial contributions are also welcome so we can purchase perishable and/or gift cards just before we deliver Easter week.

#### **FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:**

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

**FAITH FORUM** for adults: Today we begin the 6 week Adam Hamilton journey through Lent, The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus. Today's session will be *Prologue: John the Baptist and Jesus*.

**HOPE CIRCLE:** All women are invited to participate on **Thursday, March 19, at 1:00** in a book discussion of <u>Wild</u> by Cheryl Strayed. There will also be a brief devotional about Katie Luther which will encourage us to be Bold Women of Faith. An offering will be taken up.

**PRIMETIMERS** will meet **Wednesday, March 18th, 11:30 a.m.** at the Wan Fu Restaurant, 10719 Kettering Drive, off Pineville-Matthews Road. Men and women ages 50 and above. Join the group for fun, good food, and fellowship. If you have questions, contact Dawn Gibson at (704) 542-1740.

**NEW ADDRESS FOR CLIFF AND MARY PULKAS:** They have just moved to the Wilmington, NC area. Their new address is: 1179 Greensview Circle, Leland, NC 28451.

## MOVIE NIGHT AT CHURCH ...... Saturday evening, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Join Pastor Angela and Brian as we view "The Railway Man," a movie about sin and forgiveness. This is an "R" rated movie with mature themes and graphic violence. There will be time for discussion following the movie. Please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.



Wednesdays, March 18—25 @ 6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29 @ 10:15 a.m. Thursday, April 2 @ 7 p.m. Friday, April 3 @ noon and 7 p.m.

Lenten Prayer Around the Cross Palm Sunday Worship Maundy Thursday Worship Good Friday Worship



**EASTER SUNDAY:** We will have two services on Easter Sunday (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.) There will be an Easter Breakfast between services, offered from 9:30—10:30 a.m.

**FLOWERS FOR THE FLOWERING CROSS:** Remember to bring fresh flowers to decorate the flowering cross on Easter! They can be from your garden or purchased. Any kind and any color is fine (carnation, rose, daffodil, mum...your choice). You can place your flowers on the cross when you arrive for Easter service on Sunday, April 5. Remember how beautiful the flowering cross was last year? Let's make it just as beautiful this Easter! Thank you.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE CHOIR FOR PALM SUNDAY AND/OR EASTER?** If you enjoy singing but your schedule doesn't permit a weekly commitment, please consider enhancing our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services by singing in the Festival Choir. There are several rehearsals remaining, so there is ample time to master the music. Speak with Don Huff if you have questions.

**THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE** is now accepting fund requests for consideration at their May 12, 2015 meeting. Please visit the church website at <a href="www.livingsaviourlc.org">www.livingsaviourlc.org</a>, go to the "About Us" tab and click on "Endowment Fund" for more information and to download a brochure or a Request for Funds form. Fund requests may be placed in any committee member mailbox or e-mailed to Jennifer Huber at <a href="mailto:jlhuber81@yahoo.com">jlhuber81@yahoo.com</a>.

#### SIGNS OF LENT — CROSS ROAD

In this season of Lent we are on a journey with Jesus to the cross and tomb. God invites us to follow Jesus, taking note of the signs along the way. This week our sign is Cross Road.

When you come to an intersection or a cross road, you know you will have to go one way or another, continuing straight or turning in a different direction. Our gospel, John 3:14-21, is very much about a cross road, or an intersection, one where God became flesh for us, with us, so that we might imagine and experience the world differently because of Immanuel (God with us).

We all live in the dark, and so we are all judged. We live in the dark of sin- fear, hate, -isms, anger, unforgiveness, breaking relationship with our family, "neighbors," and God; using God's earth the way we want, using God's resources the way we want, not thinking of others. But the good news is that Jesus, "God with us," is light and shines in us so that our deeds be exposed, our repentance heard, and our sins forgiven. Jesus came out of love for us, to save us, whether we wanted it or not.

During Lent we need to know and trust the good news of God—Jesus is for us, so that we are saved and do have eternal life; we hold this good news close to us even as we examine our lives and our deeds and take to God what is in the dark, and what needs to be exposed to light. Spend some time this week thinking of the cross road you find yourself—will you turn to the light of God and confess and be forgiven, or keep on the way in darkness?

**Next week's Gospel reading: John 12:20-33**. There is one way to eternal life, and it is through death...our own and Jesus'.

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**TODAY** Middle School youth and their mentors @ 4 p.m.

March 22 High School youth @ 4 p.m., Starbucks at 9015 Pineville-Matthews Rd.

March 28 Easter Egg Hunt for Young Kids in Christ and Kids in Christ @ 10 a.m.

March 29 Youth Gatherers Meeting (and parents) with lunch following worship; prepare

for Youth Service



**EASTER EGG HUNT** for children of all ages (those under 5 we ask that a parent or grandparent come as well) will be held on **Saturday, March 28 from 10—11:15 a.m.** (note change in end time). Please bring a dozen filled plastic eggs by Sunday, March 22nd and place in the bin in the fellowship hall.

On the day of the event, please bring a dozen boiled eggs for the children to dye.

**THOSE HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK:** We are thankful that we are not aware of any members who were admitted to the hospital this past week.

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

We want to thank *Tony and Mary Ann Eller and Dan and Trudy Haseley* for providing the meal to our Room In the Inn neighbors this evening at Living Saviour. Please thank them when you have the opportunity, for volunteering to provide this meal and supporting this ministry.

Our members serving Room In The Inn next weekend (March 21-23) will be: Pastor Angela and Brian Powell, the Adult Team, Sherry Wooldridge, Pastor Jay and Geraldine Harbinson, Nancy Nein, Mary Ann Eller, Jan Sundberg, and Sandra Sample. Thanks to all for your contributions to this valuable ministry.

Last Week's Attendance: 168

| Sunday, March 15                                |                      | Wednesday, March 18 (cont.)                    |                       |
|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Fourth Sunday in Lent                           |                      | Lenten Service—Prayer Around the Cross         | 6:00 p.m.             |
| First Communion Instruction                     | 9:15 a.m.            | Choirs   | 6:45-9:00 p.m.        |
| Sunday School & Faith Forum                     | 9:15 a.m.            | <b>=</b> 1                                     |                       |
| Room In The Inn                                 | 10:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m. | Thursday, March 19                             | 7.00                  |
| Worship Service                                 | 10:15 a.m.           | Men's Bible Study                              | 7:00 a.m.             |
| Celebration & Joy Children's Choirs Rehearsal   | Following service    | Shepherd Ctr. Of CLT Bridge Group              | 10:15 a.m.            |
| Church Council                                  | 11:45 a.m.           | Preschool Board Meeting                        | 11:30 a.m.            |
| Boy Scouts #165 Merit Badge Workshop            | 2-5 p.m.             | Hope Circle                                    | 1:00 p.m.             |
| MS Youth Group and Mentors (Grs. 6-8) - in choi | ir room 4:00 p.m.    | Cub Scouts Parent/Leader Meeting               | 7:00 p.m.             |
| Monday, March 16                                |                      | Friday, March 20                               |                       |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry                           | 10:00 a.m.           | Saturday, March 21                             |                       |
| Girl Scout Troop #164                           | 5:00 p.m.            | Movie Night with the Powells                   | 6:30 p.m.             |
| Boy Scout Troop #165                            | 6:45 p.m.            | World Hight with the Fowers                    | 0.30 p.m.             |
| Tuesday, March 17                               |                      | Sunday, March 22                               |                       |
| Brownie Troop #1686                             | 6:00 p.m.            | Fifth Sunday in Lent                           |                       |
| Cub Scout #265 Den Meetings                     | 6:45 p.m.            | Joy & Celebration Children's Choirs Rehearsals | 9:00 a.m.             |
| Cub Scout #203 Den Meetings                     | υ.45 μ.π.            | First Communion Instruction                    | 9:15 a.m.             |
| Wednesday, March 18                             |                      | Sunday School and Faith Forum                  | 9:15 a.m.             |
| Bible Study                                     | 10:00 a.m.           | Room in the Inn                                | 10:00 a.m. −6:00 a.m. |
| Primetimers @ Wan Fu                            | 11:30 a.m.           | Worship  | 10:15 a.m.            |
| Praying with Scripture                          | 1:00 p.m.            | Forward Together Town Hall Meeting             | Following service     |
| ., 0  | p                    | High School Youth @ Starbucks                  | 4:00 p.m.             |

Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

### TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeter Janet Mayer
Head Usher Wayne Thom

Ushers Ron Gordon, Bruce Melosh, Lorene Thom

Assisting Minister Linda Honeycutt

Communion Servers Chalice: Elaine Horack, Anita Mitchell

Tray: Trudy Haseley, Alice Jenkins

Acolyte Kenneth Cochran, Alex Leeser

Childcare Attendants Carla Gearheart, Becky Nelson, Amanda Thom

Altar Guild Nancy Nein, Lillian Stephens, Sherry Wooldridge

Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.) Ray and Glenda Kilminster

## Serving Next Week —March 22

**10:15** — Anita Mitchell; Wayne Thom, Ron Gordon, Bruce Melosh, Lorene Thom; Russell Bowman; Jeff Connor, Wayne Thom, Beth Hawley, Ray Kilminster; Andrew LaFollette, Justin Krause; Carla Gearheart, Carol Cochran, Ashley Houseton; Nancy Nein, Lillian Stephens, Sherry Wooldridge

Carmel Place (9:15) — Chuck Malinowski, Anna Pearce

**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.