

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Announcements for the Week of March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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.

THIS MORNING'S MUSICAL OFFERINGS:

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

Piano Prelude "Holy Ground" (Sandra Sample) arr. Mark Hayes

Anthem "Change My Heart" / "Be Thou My Vision"
(Celebration and Joy Children's Choirs)

At The Offering "Arise, My Soul, Arise" by Dan Forrest



Wednesday, March 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

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

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 back of today's bulletin insert. 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We will be receiving new members on **Sunday, April 19th**. From **9 – 10 a.m. that morning**, there will be a time of conversation with a simple breakfast. Reception of new members will occur at the 10:15 a.m. service that morning. For those who are unable to join on that Sunday, we will have an additional opportunity on **May 17th**. Conversation from **9 – 10 a.m.** will occur, but no breakfast will be provided. Please let the church office (704-542-3626) or Pastor Angela know if you are interested in joining at this time.

FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

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

FAITH FORUM for adults: Today we continue the 6 week Adam Hamilton journey through Lent, The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus. Today's session will be about *The Healing Ministry*.

EASTER SUNDAY: We will have two services on Easter Sunday (**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**)

Easter Breakfast April 5th 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Why cook? Come and join us for a buffet breakfast. Breakfast and egg casseroles, breakfast pastries, cut fruit, deviled eggs, cubes of cheese, beverages. Free will offering will be received.

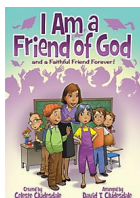
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING IN THE CHOIR FOR PALM SUNDAY AND/OR EASTER? If you enjoy singing but your schedule doesn't permit a weekly commitment, please consider enhancing our Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services by singing in the Festival Choir. There are several rehearsals remaining, so there is ample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



FLOWERS FOR THE FLOWERING CROSS: Remember to bring fresh flowers to decorate the flowering cross on Easter Sunday! 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. This is a wonderful offering in honor of the risen Christ.

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE is now accepting fund requests for consideration at their May 12, 2015 meeting. Please visit the church website at www.livingsaviourlc.org, 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 jlhuber81@yahoo.com.

NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD PREPARES TO ELECT A NEW BISHOP – LOVE OFFERING BEING RECEIVED FOR BISHOP BOLICK: Bishop Leonard Bolick is retiring and a new Bishop will be elected at the Synod Assembly, May 28-30. The Synod Council is asking that each congregation receive a Love Offering in thanksgiving for his leadership. On Palm Sunday, following the standard offering, we will pass a second basket for Bishop Bolick's special offering.



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

SIGNS OF LENT — one way

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 one way.

In our gospel reading today we hear Jesus talking about seeds dying, and people who hate their life and people who serve as Jesus serves...there is only one way to eternal life, and that is through death. Jesus was talking about his impending death and resurrection, using an illustration of a seed that dies and is brought back to life in a new way and so produces much fruit.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, and God's grace, we are able to die to ourselves each day, to remember our baptism in which the "old" way of life was drowned with Jesus, and the "new" way of life brought out. So what does it look like to die each day? Acknowledging that we sin--we do break God's heart and relationship with others; receiving forgiveness for those sins, and forgiving others and yourself. Dying to self looks like thinking of how we can love and serve our neighbors--family, friends, work associates, and those who live in our community. Dying daily can look like praying for those who are on the prayer list at church and those you know are in need of prayer; giving money to support the things you believe in; donating time to serve others. Dying to self can look like denying and fasting from food, drink, social media, shopping, so that you can spend more time with others or God. Dying to self can also mean that the seeds of faith God puts in us can sprout and grow and give new life to others.

There is only one way new life can happen, through death. When you see the One Way signs in your journey this week, give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus' death and resurrection, and for the gift of faith planted inside yourself and others you love. Pray that God use us all to point to Jesus and show those who don't know him the One Way to abundant life.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

TODAY
March 29

High School youth @ 4 p.m., Starbucks at 9015 Pineville-Matthews Rd.
Youth Gatherers Meeting (and parents) with lunch following worship

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 *Sherry Wooldridge, Pastor Jay and Geraldine Harbinson and Nancy Nein* 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 28-30**) will be: Ron and Shallen Gordon, Sherry Wooldridge and Mary Ann Eller, Cathy Williams, Alice Jenkins, Caren Ballantine, and Margaret Krause. Thanks to all for your contributions to this valuable ministry.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Last Week's Attendance: 182

Sunday, March 22		Thursday, March 26	
<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>		Men's Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
Celebration & Joy Children's Choirs Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Shepherd Ctr. Of CLT Bridge Group	10:15 a.m.
First Communion Instruction	9:15 a.m.	Lenten Discipline on Prayer	7:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Faith Forum	9:15 a.m.	Friday, March 27	
Room In The Inn	10:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m.	Saturday, March 28	
Worship Service	10:15 a.m.	YKIC/KIC Egg Hunt	10:00—11:15 a.m.
Forward Together Town Hall Meeting	Following service	Craft Project Fellowship	10:00—4:00 p.m.
High School Youth @ Starbucks	4:00 p.m.	Sunday, March 29	
Monday, March 23		<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
Carmel Crossing HOA	6:00 p.m.	Sunday School and Faith Forum	9:15 a.m.
Boy Scout Troop #165	6:45 p.m.	Room in the Inn	10:00 a.m. —6:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 24		Worship	10:15 a.m.
Cub Scout #265 Pack Meeting	6:45 p.m.	Youth Gatherers Mtg. and Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 25			
Bible Study	10:00 a.m.		
Praying with Scripture	1:00 p.m.		
Lenten Service—Prayer Around the Cross	6:00 p.m.		
Choirs	6:45—9:00 p.m.		

Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeter	Anita Mitchell
Head Usher	Wayne Thom
Ushers	Ron Gordon, Bruce Melosh, Lorene Thom
Assisting Minister	Russell Bowman
Communion Servers	Chalice: Jeff Connor, Wayne Thom Tray: Kari Proctor, Ray Kilminster
Acolytes	Andrew LaFollette, Billy Sample
Childcare Attendants	Carla Gearheart, Carol Cochran, Ashley Houseton
Altar Guild	Nancy Nein, Lillian Stephens, Sherry Wooldridge
Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.)	Chuck Malinowski, Anna Pearce

Serving Next Week — March 29

10:15 — Dan and Jan Sundberg; Wayne Thom, Ron Gordon, Bruce Melosh, Lorene Thom; Linda Honeycutt; Corky Carver, Greg Funk, Lillian Stephens, Beth Hawley; Alex Leeser, Hannah Coltrane; Carla Gearheart, Jenni Thompson, Jennifer Noonkester; Nancy Nein, Lillian Stephens, Sherry Wooldridge

Carmel Place (9:15) — Steve Vick, Cathy Lyall

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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