

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Announcements for the Week of September 20, 2015

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor

Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music



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. If you have been here before, welcome back! We invite you to leave contact info in the friendship pads, guest cards, or at the welcome center. Children are welcome in worship, or we have a nursery downstairs, where Ms. Carla provides loving care of those up to age 5. Restrooms are located in the sanctuary through the door directly opposite the entrance doors. We pray this worship will renew and prepare all to go out into God's world to love and serve.

Remember, FIRE, each Saturday evening @5:30 is our non-traditional, participatory, worship-learning service and takes place in our fellowship hall. Designed for all ages to learn together about the things of worship and stories of God and God's people in the Old Testament; Holy Communion is celebrated each week. All are welcome!

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Don and Laurie Markusen to the Glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary on September 23rd.

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	<i>Fantasy in D Minor</i>	Mozart
Musical Offering	<i>Sonata No. 14, Movement No. 1</i>	Beethoven
Postlude	<i>Wedding Day at Troldhaugen, Op. 65, No. 6</i>	Grieg

WE WELCOME AND THANK our own Anna Pearce for her selections on the piano for the prelude, music at the offering, and the postlude. And we also thank Greg Funk for playing on the organ for the worship service. We give thanks for their talent and dedication that they so willingly share with us.

NATIONAL 2015 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING REPORT: In July, three of our youth, *Elisabeth Forster*, *Andrew LaFollette*, and *Alex Leeser* went to Detroit, along with almost 30,000 other youth and adult chaperones for this triennial event. The theme of this 2015 event was Rise Up Together. This morning we will hear details of how this strengthened their faith and their call to serve the world. Thanks to adults, Robin LaFollette and Shea Berbaum, who also attended.

CHOIR RETREAT THIS WEEKEND: Don Huff, Nancy Mersereau, and many of our choir members are at Camp Lutherock in Newland, NC for the choir retreat where they are primarily learning the music for upcoming Advent-Christmas Concert scheduled for Sunday, December 13. They will be returning home today. We ask for prayers for safe journeys.

FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

G.I.F.T. (Generations in Faith Together), a multi-generational educational experience for Preschoolers—8th graders, today **from 9—10 a.m.** Grades KG—8 plus any adults not in Faith Forum are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for an interactive time of learning from the stories of our faith ancestors from the Old Testament. High school (Grades 9-12) will have a separate class taught by Andrew Thom, Matt VanSandt, or Ryan Huber, but they are always welcome to join GIFT. Preschoolers (ages 3 and 4 year olds) will meet in the 2's classroom downstairs; this will be taught by Kim Cunningham.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study— Wednesday mornings at **10 a.m.**, continuing the study, *Manna & Mercy*. All are invited to come.

Faith Forum (for adults) will resume on **September 27 at 9 a.m.** We will begin the year with a six week series entitled *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*.

SAVE THE DATE -- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: The entire worship service on this day will be devoted to **Forward Together: In Christ, In Community**. A Town Hall Meeting will be held following the service which will include a financial budget update and Forward Together next steps. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAM GIFT CARDS: Two \$250 gift cards are available to anyone that has a Thrivent Financial account each year! Many of the projects we have done here at LSLC in the past year have been supported by at least one of these cards. Thrivent believes that we should all *Live Generously* and they are giving out money to help make that happen. How easy is that! To date we have received thousands of dollars. **I am in the process of putting together a bulletin board to display the many projects for which we have received funding.** If you have received a card, please send me a statement of what your card supported. If you have any pictures from the project please send those as well either a print (preferred) or a digital file to Caren Ballantine careballantine@hotmail.com Questions? 704-552-6412



CHURCH DINNER NIGHT OUT — SAVE THE DATE: All adults are welcome to join us at Waldhorn's German Restaurant on **Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.** for an early Oktoberfest. If interested in attending, please so indicate on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk. For more information, contact John and Pam Williams at jfwilliams7200@aol.com.

CONGRATULATIONS to the proud new grandparents, John and Pam Williams, upon the birth of their grandson, Clark DeBolt, born on September 13, 2015, here in Charlotte. Parents are Kent and Anna (Williams) DeBolt. May God be praised for this gift of new life!

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAZAAR will be held on **Saturday, November 14th** from 9—2 p.m. Please save the date.

SERMON SERIES ON THE LETTER OF JAMES

Read James 5.13-20 <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=309337797>

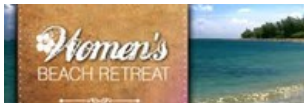
As we read the final chapter of the Epistle of James, remember that this is like wisdom literature for those living shortly after Jesus' resurrection, as a community of faith in a time hostile to their Christ-following ways and witness. How they acted in the community of faith and in broader society was vital. This Holy Spirit-gathered community needs this wisdom to continually remind themselves that they are Spirit gathered and empowered to live out a way of life unique to followers of Jesus, and that they are able to use this wisdom and God-given resources for the good of the community and society.

As you read this passage this week, consider how we pray for, encourage, joyful celebrate, and praise God in community. Is the community James presents a "pipe-dream," something so unobtainable that we are simply wishing it could be; or, is it obtainable if all work together to make it so? In what way do you help this make this a reality? In what ways do you work against the unity of our gathered body?

James' letter challenges us to be a community unlike a club or society. We are challenged to examine our spiritual health and to exercise our tongue control, by settling disputes quickly, and by praying and gathering in community for worship. How are you doing on these matters? Would the world recognize you as a follower of Jesus? Give God thanks and praise for all the ways you are visible as a believer, and ask God's help in strengthen you.

GOPLAYSAVE COUPON BOOKS AVAILABLE! As part of our partnership with Smithfield Elementary we are making these fabulous coupon books available. It is a major fundraiser for Smithfield and the money raised goes to scholarships to help students whose families cannot afford to send their child on the 5th grade field trip to Camp Thunderbird in the Spring. The books are \$30. To order one, please contact **Tricia Harris** at triciaharris@hotmail.com or 704-281-1217. Sales deadline is TODAY. Your book will be delivered to your church mailbox after Tricia gets your payment. Checks are to be made payable to: Smithfield PTA.

WOMEN'S ANNUAL BEACH RETREAT will be **Friday—Sunday, October 9-11** at Isle of Palms. The theme will be "Banish the What Ifs." The cost is approximately \$100.



There is a sign-up list posted on the kiosk. Questions? Please email Alice Jenkins at alicej101@carolina.rr.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 3:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar and note the change in time (afternoon not evening). More details to follow.

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Corky Carver had outpatient surgery on her hand this past Friday. We pray that she heals and recovers quickly.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Last Week's Attendance: 24 + 140

Sunday, September 20

Choir Retreat—Lutherock
 G.I.F.T. Faith Formation—F. Hall 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Jubilate Bells 11:45 a.m.
 Confirmands/Parent/Pastor/Pizza Mtg. 5:00 p.m.
 AA Women's Meeting 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21

Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22

Church Dinner Night Out @ Waldhorn's
 Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

No Preschool—Teacher Workday
 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Praying with Scriptures 1:30 p.m.
 Alleluia Ringers 6:00 p.m.
 Choir 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 24

Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.
 Shepherd Ctr. of Charlotte Bridge Grp. 10:15 a.m.
 Preschool St. Jude Trike-a-Thon (parking lot)
 Pr. Angela's Book Study 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 25

Preschool St. Jude Trike-a-Thon (parking lot)

Saturday, September 26

Joy/Celebration Choirs 5:00 p.m.
 FIRE 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 27

G.I.F.T. — F. Hall 9:00 a.m.
 Faith Forum 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Jubilate Bells 11:45 a.m.
 AA Women's Meeting 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters	Janet Mayer
Head Usher	Bill Carver
Ushers	Linda Frixen, Jerry Littlejohn, Chuck Lyle
Assisting Minister	Lorene Thom
Communion Servers	Chalice: Linda Honeycutt, Anita Mitchell Tray: Janet Mayer, John Williams
Acolytes	Elisabeth Forster, Lisa Krause
Childcare Attendants	Carla Gearheart, Ashley Houseton, Jahn-Marie Butler
Altar Guild	Anita Mitchell, Lorene Thom, Wayne Thom
Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.)	Andrea Abernathy

Serving Next Week —September 27

10:15 Marty and Alice Jenkins; Bill Carver, Linda Frixen, Jerry Littlejohn, Chuck Lyle; Dan Haseley; Joy Forster, Marty Jenkins, Alex Leeser, Kari Proctor; Carla Gearheart, Alexis Willis, Victor Leeser; Lorene Thom, Wayne 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.

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