

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



Announcements for the Week of December 20, 2015

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Reverend Angela K. Powell, Pastor

Don Huff, Minister of Worship and Music



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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. 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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Harry and Dawn Gibson to the Glory of God and in honor of Don Huff and our Living Saviour staff, and all our family and friends.

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>"Christmas Medley"</i> (Steve Vick and Nancy Mersereau)	Wentworth
At the Offering	<i>"Rise Up and Follow That Star"</i> (Joy Forster, soloist)	arr. Larson
At Communion	<i>"One Quiet Moment"</i> (Glenda and Ray Kilminster)	Kauflin
Postlude	<i>"O Come All Ye Faithful"</i>	Burkhardt

ON BEHALF OF LIVING SAVIOUR FELLOWSHIP, we offer our thanks to all who contributed appetizers and cookies for the reception following the Advent Christmas Concert last Sunday afternoon. The entire afternoon was a wonderful success. Special thanks to those who decorated, served, and stayed to clean up. Shallen Gordon

THANK YOU to the choir, musicians, Don Huff, Nancy Mersereau, and all who prepared for the annual Christmas concert. It was an amazing musical program followed by an equally amazing reception. Many thanks to all.

Advent and Christmas at Living Saviour

Sunday, December 20	Children's Christmas Pageant	10:15 a.m.
Wednesday, December 23	Advent Service	11:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 24	Family Christmas Eve Service	5:00 p.m.
	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	10:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 27	First Sunday of Christmas	10:15 a.m.

FAITH LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THIS MORNING (9 to 10 a.m.)

G.I.F.T., a multi-generational, interactive, educational experience for ages 3 through grade 8 will **NOT** meet today and will resume on January 3rd.

Faith Forum (for adults) will meet this morning and on December 27 to complete the series "The Call" series. On Sunday, January 3, a new study, "The Journey: Walking to the Road to Bethlehem" will begin.

BABY ITEMS FOR CHEROKEE: Baby items will be collected after Christmas for the Living Waters' clothing closet. Items needed are diapers, baby wipes, books, pacifiers, teething rings, and new or gently used clothes, especially sleepwear and blankets. Thanks for your participation.

CHALLENGE: Gregg and Anita Mitchell have challenged us to raise \$715 towards a "Family Farm" through ELCA Good Gifts. For this gift, a family would receive a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agriculture training and support. This could help a family achieve a fresh start! *To contribute, please submit a check made out to LSLC, memo line — "Family Farm". Please submit by Sunday, December 20th.* Your donation will be displayed on your 2015 giving statement.



LET'S EAT OUT! — THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, will be held at Ilios Noche Restaurant, 11508 Providence Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Their menu consists of upscale Mediterranean inspired dining concepts. Their menu may be viewed at: www.xeniahospitality.com/ilios. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Questions? See Pam and John Williams. Note — this is a new name for the previous "Dinner Night Out" fellowship group.

CARDS/GAMES AND SUBS FELLOWSHIP NIGHT will be held on **Saturday evening, January 16th at 6 p.m.** Each adult person should bring a regular sub which



will be cut and shared. A variety of card games will be available (pinochle, bridge, canasta, hearts, euchre, poker) or a number of other games (dominoes, UNO, Pictionary, Trivial Pursuit, charades, Apples to Apples, or bring your own favorite. Beverages, chips and desserts will be provided. Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the kiosk.



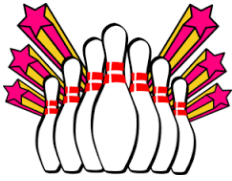
Questions? See Trudy and Dan Haseley.

CHILDREN and YOUTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 20 as part of our worship celebration



** All are invited to bring family and friends to celebrate the Good News.**



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BOWLING IN A LUTHERAN HANDICAP LEAGUE? This Lutheran Mixed Bowling League at Carolina Lakes in Matthews will begin on **Fri. evening, Jan. 8th** with a league meeting for all at 6:30 p.m. followed by bowling. Subsequent weeks bowling will begin at 7:00 p.m. with practice at 6:50 p.m. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kiosk. You may sign up as a team, or individual or substitute. The league will last 12 to 14 weeks — duration to be determined. Also to be determined is cost — approximately \$12 to \$13 a week. Guaranteed you will have fun with your area Lutheran friends.

UPCOMING WAYS TO GIVE TO CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (CAM):

- **Wednesday, December 30** — We will be sorting clothing at Crisis Assistance. We'll meet at church at 1:30 p.m. and carpool. This is an incredible ministry that touches many people in need. We will sort clothing from 2—4 p.m. and will be back to church by 4:30 p.m. See sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Questions?
- Contact: Robin LaFollette at stitchwitch@carolina.rr.com.

SAVE THE DATE — ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON THE UPDATED CONSTITUTION AND TO VOTE ON COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES will take place on Sunday, **January 31st** immediately following the worship service.

ROOM IN THE INN, Living Saviour's winter shelter ministry, is up and running on Sunday evenings. This season, the congregation is invited to **"POP IN AND MAKE A BED"** each Sunday following the worship service. The 12 rollaway beds will be in place in the bedroom hall (upstairs of the Education Building) with all the bedding stacked on top.

Any Sunday when you have a few minutes after worship, stop by and help out! With at least 12 people, it should be pretty quick work. Thanks in advance for helping to make our church home a place of welcome for our homeless neighbors.

THE WINTER EDITION OF *THE WORD IN SEASON* is now available in the rack as you exit the sanctuary. Visitors and members, please help yourself to this daily devotional.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Sherry Wooldridge and her daughter, Brandy, and family, on the accidental death of Brandy's husband, Tony Hinson, Jr. on December 12. May God fill the emptiness left in their hearts by his passing, and may they remember that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means the certain hope to eternal life for all those who die with faith in Him.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Last Week's Attendance: 134

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Faith Forum 9:00 a.m.
 Worship & Children's Christmas Pageant 10:15 a.m.
 RITI Set-up Immediately following service
 Church Council Immediately following service
 Alleluia Ringers 11:45 a.m.
 RITI Dinner Setup 5:30 p.m.
 AA Women's Meeting 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 21

RITI Depart 6:00 a.m.
 Preschool Closed

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 Advent Service 11:30 a.m.
 Praying with Scripture 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve
 Preschool Closed
 Family Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m.
 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 10:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day
 Preschool and Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27

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 Faith Forum 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
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Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters Jeanne Davis
 Head Usher Tom Schick
 Ushers Bill Carver, Ron Gordon, Brian Powell
 Assisting Minister Alice Jenkins
 Communion Servers Chalice: Elisabeth Forster, Ryan Huber
 Tray: Jeff Connor, Sherry Wooldridge
 Acolytes Kariya Proctor, Johanna Krause
 Childcare Attendants Carla Gearheart, Amanda Thom
 Altar Guild Janet Mayer, Robin LaFollette, Larry and Janet Wagstaff
 Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.) Ray and Glenda Kilminster

Serving Next Week —December 27

10:15: Margaret Conrad; Tom Schick, Linda Honeycutt, Brian Powell, Ron Gordon; Lorene Thom; Ray Kilminster, Glenda Kilminster, Moss Hathcock, Rich Ballantine; Nate Forster; Carla Gearheart, TBD; Janet Mayer, Robin LaFollette, Larry and Janet Wagstaff

Carmel Place (9:15) — Sandra Sample, Andrea Abernathy

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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