

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Announcements for the Week of December 27, 2015

The First Sunday of Christmas
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.

THE ALTAR PLANT is given today by Paul and Janet Mayer to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for all His wonderful blessings.

WE WELCOME STEVE VICK, to the organ bench this morning and Anna Pearce on the piano while Don Huff and Nancy Mersereau enjoy well deserved vacations. Steve and Anna both participate in our Chancel Choir and we are thankful to have such talented members who can serve in this capacity. Thank you to you both!

WE THANK all the children and youth who participated in last Sunday's Christmas Pageant, as well as the directors and production assistants. What a wonderful production and message. Thank you all!!!

A BLESSING IS OFFERED THIS MORNING FOR CINDY QUINLAN: Cindy Quinlan, the new Executive Director of *The Lunch Project* will be departing for Arusha, Tanzania on January 6th for 12 days to work as part of team. This community-run project began in 2011 as part of a team working on a case study about the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals, in response to studying the effect of primary school education in developing countries. It was then that it was recognized a need for a community-run lunch program to enrich efforts in getting children to (and through!) primary school was needed in so many third world countries. There will be eight people from North Carolina traveling to Tanzania in January. Since there is no particular religious affiliation, this is not a mission trip nor a service trip in the traditional sense. The Lunch Project empowers communities by supporting school lunch programs in Tanzania and inspiring service in all children. Internationally, this organization provides students with the fuel to learn while stimulating economies through locally-sourced goods and services. Stateside, the goal is global empathy education that provides a highly-visual demonstration of the impact individual actions can make around the world. Watch their video on their homepage: <http://www.thelunchproject.org/>

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 for the final session on “The Call” series. Next Sunday, **January 3**, we will begin a new DVD video study, “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem.”

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th: We will be taking down our Christmas decorations on **Thursday morning, January 7th, at 10:00 a.m.** If you can lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. It should only take 60-90 minutes. Any questions, please see Robin LaFollette.

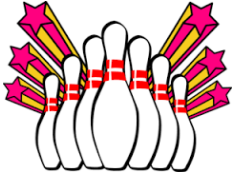
BABY ITEMS FOR CHEROKEE: Baby items will be collected after Christmas for the Living Waters' clothing closet. Items needed are diapers, baby wipes, books, pacifiers, teethingers, and new or gently used clothes, especially sleepwear and blankets. Thanks for your participation.

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.



CHALLENGE: We *HAVE MET* Gregg and Anita Mitchell's CHALLENGE to raise at least \$715 to purchase a “Family Farm” through ELCA Good Gifts. Thanks to all who so generously supported this endeavor. We raised enough to purchase THREE Family Farms. This will help these families achieve a fresh start! This will provide each family with a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agriculture training and support. Thanks all!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BOWLING IN A LUTHERAN HANDICAP LEAGUE? This Lutheran Mixed Bowling League at Carolina Lakes in Matthews will begin on **Friday 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.



POINSETTIAS: For those who dedicated poinsettias, please feel free to take yours home after the service. Thank you!

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

Wednesday, December 30 — It's not too late to sign up to help sort clothing at Crisis Assistance next Wednesday. 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.

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.

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.

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.

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK: George Goodman had double carpal tunnel surgery and is at home recuperating. Kathy Gaddis is also at home recuperating.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Last Week's Attendance: 211

Sunday, December 27*First Sunday of Christmas*

Faith Forum 9:00 a.m.
 No G.I.F.T.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 RITI Bed Set-up Immediately following service
 RITI Dinner Setup 5:30 p.m.
 AA Women's Meeting 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 28

RITI Depart 6:00 a.m.
 Preschool Closed

Tuesday, December 29

Preschool Closed

Wednesday, December 30

Preschool Closed
 Praying with Scripture 1:00 p.m.
 Sorting of clothes at Crisis Assistance 2:00—4:00 p.m.
 (meet at church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool)

Thursday, December 31

Preschool Closed

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day
 Preschool and Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 2**Sunday, January 3**

Second Sunday of Christmas
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 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 RITI Set-up Immediately following service
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Thank you for remembering to turn off your cell phone!

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters	Margaret Conrad
Head Usher	Frank DeLoache
Ushers	Linda Honeycutt, Ron Gordon, Brian Powell
Assisting Minister	Lorene Thom
Communion Servers	Chalice: Ray Kilminster, Glenda Kilminster Tray: Moss Hathcock, Rich Ballantine
Acolytes	Nate Forster
Childcare Attendants	Carla Gearheart
Altar Guild	Janet Mayer, Robin LaFollette, Larry and Janet Wagstaff
Carmel Place (9:15 a.m.)	Sandra Sample, Andrea Abernathy

Serving Next Week — January 3

10:15: Terry Godwin; Marty Jenkins; Gail Fay, Chuck Lyle, John Sahr; Cathy Lyall; Robin LaFollette, Janet Mayer, Trudy Haseley, Lillian Stephens; Acolytes; Carla Gearheart, TBD; Alice Jenkins, Jean Dunne, Jan Sundberg

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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