



The InnerNet

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2011

Growing and serving
in Christ.



Preschool Update:

It really is a wonderful time of year for giving. The children loved taking home an empty stocking to fill with gifts for less fortunate children, and to be distributed by the Salvation Army.

The Preschool Children (toddlers through TK) did a great performance of the Christmas story. Our special thanks go to Mr. Don and CD Hathcock for their musical talents.

Musings from The Maestro.....

In a recent Oprah Winfrey show, Oprah brought to remembrance a song by Bill Withers, "You just keep on using me 'til you use me up." She said that this was her prayer. Even though the original intent of the song portrays the singer as one who really doesn't mind being "used" by someone in a bad way, Oprah's comments led me to reflect on the fact that God has always "used" people in a good way. At this season of the year, I began to reflect on how God "used" people in the Christmas story.

The angels in the Christmas story were used to announce the birth of God's son. The shepherds were used to tell the good news that a Savior

was born, after they left the manger. Mary was used as a vessel through which God brought his Son to earth. Mary was used willingly, even though she did not feel worthy. Instead of "you just keep on using me 'til you use me up" she dropped the "you" and said a prayer: "Dear God, ...just keep on using me 'til you use me up".

In the final days of the Christmas season we read of the Magi, the Wise Men who visited the Christ Child. They, too, were used by God. In the visit of the Magi, who were gentiles, to pay homage to the Savior, God made clear that his Son came to be the Redeemer of all humankind,

not just the Jewish people.

Even the one whose birth we celebrate was used. In the garden of Gethsemane he prayed, "Father, not my will, but yours be done: ... just keep on using me 'til you use me up."

As we celebrate the final days of Christmas and begin a New Year, what a difference we could make in our lives and in the lives of so many others, if we prayed the prayer, "Father, just keep on using me 'til you use me up." This is a prayer we should say not just now, but on everyday.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Don Huff

ONGOING MINISTRIES OF LIVING SAVIOUR

Opportunities to share God's love

SHELTER MINISTRY: Living Saviour will be partnering with St. Luke's Lutheran on two Sunday evenings this winter, hosting the homeless through Urban Ministry's Room In The Inn program. Watch your upcoming announcement bulletins for details.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY: Living Saviour has as an ongoing project - the collecting of men's, women's and children's clothing for the Crisis Assistance Home Essentials Program. Crisis Assistance Ministry also provides the Emergency Financial Assistance Program, providing aid to people who are in danger of being evicted or losing their utility connection through direct payments to housing and utility companies. Will you prayerfully consider a monetary gift to this valuable ministry? You can mail your tax-deductible check to 500-A Spratt St., Charlotte NC 28206 or contribute online at www.crisisassistance.org.

LOAVES AND FISHES: Please remember to place canned items in the grocery cart in the fellowship hall. Priority needs are canned meats, soup, canned fruit, peanut butter and 100% fruit juice. No glass, please. Thank you for your generous donations!

UPTOWN SHELTER FOR MEN: Donations of bathroom tissue and paper towels may be placed in the collection bin under the counter in the fellowship hall. Help is needed to deliver the paper products and bakery items from Harris Teeter. Sign up on the Evangelism board or talk with Buddy Vandiver if you are interested in helping.

The Math Mob

The Math Mob has gone to itunes!

The Math Mob, which is a book and CD, teaches elementary math concepts such as telling time, metric and common measurement, multiplication and fractions. You can now get

the music from itunes. You may purchase 1 song for .99 or the entire album consisting of 18 tracks for 9.99. I think it sells for less on Amazon. Also, you can download the lyrics for free from the Math Mob website. If you would like

the lesson plans that go with the music, you may purchase the entire book and CD from Glenda Kilminster or Poppler's music. The proceeds go to the church. Special thanks to Sandra Sample for her technical support.

HELP NEEDED JAN. 5TH

We will be taking down all of the Christmas decorations in the church on Wednesday, January 5th, at 10:00 a.m.

If you are available to help, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please join us for a couple of hours. Hope to see you then!!

Thank You Notes

Our gratitude goes to all the musicians who worked so hard on preparing music for our Advent and Christmas seasons. Many members of our congregation have expressed gratitude for the music offered during these seasons. Please join me in personally expressing your appreciation to them.

Don Huff

Thank you for being there: You were there with a helping hand, just when I needed it the most; ready to pitch in and do whatever you could. You gave me something very special -- your time. And I'll always remember you for it. Thank you so very much for all the cards, food, calls and love in this tough time. It is

wonderful to have such a great church family. A special thanks to Pastor David and the choir for such a beautiful service for Mary. She would have thought so.

**Wayne Patterson
and Family**

Salvation Army Christmas Bureau

We would like to thank everyone who helped with this year's successful 526 Christmas stockings. That includes individuals from the congregation who picked up stockings, the stockings filled (276) from

the yard sale money and also the stockings from the preschool. Also, thank you for the extra stuffers and for the toys for gifts to the Bureau. This year there were 14,000 children that the Christmas Bureau served. Each of those

children received two toys, clothes AND a stocking. Thank you all very much.

Linda Frixen and
Joey Kendelhardt

Chili Cook-off Announced

It's time to fine tune that fabulous chili recipe and dig through the attic for that long-lost "treasure"! The chili cook-off is right around the corner. Join us in the fellowship hall at **6 p.m. on January 22nd** for

this fun-filled yearly event. Bring your crock pot with your favorite chili recipe and test the palates of an esteemed panel of judges! The evening wouldn't be complete without the white elephant exchange,

so wrap that special something and bring it along. You'll sample lots of good chili, and have some laughs over all the "elephants"—so be sure to sign up on the kiosk. We look forward to seeing you there!



**ARE YOU IN A HURRY??
NOT ENOUGH TIME TO BUY A CARD??**

Please check the card rack, which is on the wall between the church office and the Library doors. Great price.....\$1.00 each. New cards are put in the rack each week.



VOLUNTEER CHILDCARE ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!

WHEN: During the worship hours of 8:30 and 11:00

RESPONSIBILITIES: Arrive 15 minutes prior to and remain 15 minutes after the worship service. The nursery is always staffed by Carla Gearhart (paid staff member) and one additional adult. With enough congregational volunteers, each volunteer may only be assigned 3-4 times a year.

This is an important worship hour ministry, and requires two adults present to satisfy Living Saviour's Child Protection Policy. Please consider giving your time in 2011. Contact Kari Proctor at Sabrekaril@aol.com and let her know which service hour you would like to help—the 8:30 hour is always in greater need of help.

A FELLOWSHIP OF SENIORS



Please join us the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 PM for lunch.

We are a group of men and women, ages 50 and above, who get together to catch up on all that is going on in our lives. We have fun, good food, and great fellowship. At the end of the meal we always have a drawing for a surprise to take home with you.

Wednesday, January 19th
at the Red Lobster Restaurant
on Pineville-Matthews Road

We would love to have you join us.
If interested, please call Dawn Gibson at 704-542-1740

**CHURCH DIRECTORY TO BE
UPDATED**



They Capture the Moment ...
And Make Memories for a Lifetime.

Announcing: Professional Olan Mills portraits conveniently photographed in our own church!

- New contemporary poses
- Make our church directory complete with your family
- Our gift to you: A free 8 x 10 color portrait and a free church pictorial directory ... just for participating
- Reduced prices for optional portrait packages
- Deadline for scheduling: January 31st. Sign-up at the Photo Table in the Gathering Area

Schedule your professional family portrait today:
Tuesday - Saturday, February 15th - 19th
Weekday hours 2:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday hours 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Trudy Haseley:
Church Office: Mon - Wed, 9 - 2 p.m.
Home: 803-485-9132 or haseley@carolina.rr.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JANUARY

Sundays at 9:45 am (NO CLASSES ON JANUARY 2ND)

Age 3-Grade 5:

- "Power Xpress"
- Topics to be announced



Confirmation Class (grades 6-8)

- Regular schedule
- "Here We Stand"



High School

- "Faith Lens"
- Weekly Bible Study for young adults



Adult Sunday School classes:

- Classes taught by Marty Jenkins and Pat Fisher

Welca News



Hope Circle meets Thursday,
Jan 20, at 7:00 pm

Book Discussion: "Handle With Care" by Jodi Piccoult

Project Ideas for the New Year
Begin planning for Conference Spring Gathering
Refreshments, Fellowship

All women of the congregation are welcome!

Prayer Partner sign-up time!
See poster and information on Fellowship bulletin board in Gallery

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Choirs on Wednesday Celebration Choir: 5:15-5:45 pm Joy Choir: 5:00-5:45 Handbells 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7:30-9:00 pm Sunday Sanctuary - 7:30 am						1
2 Epiphany Sunday	3	4 Pre School Resumes 5:-8:30 pm Cub Scouts Pancake Dinner (hall & kitchen)	5 12:00 Bible Study 1:30 pm Praying with Scripture No choirs tonight	6 Epiphany of our Lord 7:00 am Men's Bible 6:30-8 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 -8 a Brownies	7	8 Church Council Retreat
9 Baptism of Our Lord	10 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	11 6:30Pray/Script 6:45-pm Cub Scouts	12 12:00 Bible Study 1:30 pm Praying with Scripture Chancel Choir Resumes	13 7:00 am Men's Bible	14	15
16 Second Sunday After Epiphany 11:00 a.m. Baptism	17 No Pre School Martin Luther King Day/Church office closed 7:00 pm Council 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	18 10:00 am Carmel Place 6:30Praying with Scripture 6:45-pm Cub Scouts	19 12:00 Bible Study 1:30 pm Praying with Scripture 11:30 am Primetimers at Red Lobster All choirs Resume	20 7:00 am Men's Bible 6:30-8 pm G. Scouts 6:30 -8 pm Brownies 7:00 pm Hope Circle	21 6:00 pm GS-930 Sleepover	22 8:00 am GS-930 end sleep- over 10:30 - set up for Chili Cook Off 6:30 Chili Cook-off & White Elephant Sale
23 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:45 - 10:45 Pastor Jack Russell visiting	24 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	25 6:30 Praying/Script 6:45-pm Cub Scouts	26 12:00 Bible Study 1:30 pm Praying with Scripture 5-9 Choirs	27 7:00 am Men's Bible	28 5-9 pm Cub Scouts set up for Pinewood Derby	29 7 - 1 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
30 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	31 Last day for scheduling family portrait/Olin Mills 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts					

January Birthdays

1/1 Wendell Price
Jonathan Leonard
1/2 Sandra Gross
1/5 Kathy Biggs
Alexandra Leeser
Maddie Williams
1/6 Greg Krause
1/7 Emily McCorkle
1/7 Andrew Williams
1/8 Paul Mayer
1/10 Dan Sundberg
1/10 Ashley Houseton

1/13 Preston Hawley
1/16 Steve Westphal
1/18 Betty Reynolds
1/19 Carrie Kimbrell
1/20 James Buswell
1/21 Nancy Mersereau
1/22 Jonathan Buff
1/23 Myra Fisher
1/24 Emily Ann Malinowski
1/25 John Lapomarda
Jeanne Davis
1/26 Horton Shearin

1/26 Kenneth Leeser
Chris Kerby
Angela Galbraith
1/29 Betty Bischoff
Jennifer Gordon
1/30 Jennifer Huber



Anniversaries

1/2 Kelly and Chris Leslie
1/3 Tammy and Thomas Miller

1/4 Cindy and Michael Butterworth
1/5 Becky and Howard Chapman
1/29 Joey and David Kendelhardt
Jeannine and Rod Le Van
1/31 Carolyn and Roger Kurth



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please contact the church office so that our
records can be updated. Thank you.*