



The InnerNet

LIVING SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 2011

Growing and
serving
in Christ.

Christmas Worship at Living Saviour

*Our Christmas
Eve, Christmas
Day and New
Year's Day
worship schedule
is on Page 4 of
this issue.*

*Please make
note of all of the
opportunities
for worship and
celebration of
Holy Communion
we will have at
LSLC this
Christmas.*

Musings from The Maestro

If I were to ask you to tell the story of the birth of Jesus, how many of you would say something like, "There were shepherds in the field taking care of their sheep, and angels appeared to them and sang, 'Glory to God in the highest.'" In teaching the nativity story to my preschoolers, I cannot tell you how many times I have said just that. I must confess that I actually began writing this newsletter article with reference to the angels singing to the shepherds and then I paused and thought, "You know, I don't think the Bible says that the angels sang to the shepherds." So I checked Luke 2, and sure enough, my suspicions were correct. "And suddenly there was with the angel (singular) a multitude of the heavenly host (I suppose that could be more angels) praising God and saying..." (OOPS!) I have to admit that the mistake came honestly, since I am a musician. "Hark! the herald angels sing....", "It came upon

the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels...", "Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing..." These are just a few Christmas carols that portray angels singing to the shepherds. How could the writers of these beautiful carols be so biblically illiterate?

Now before we put a damper on some of our favorite Christmas carols and one of our most cherished visions of the Christmas story, let's look at the text again. Notice that the Bible uses the word praising in reference to what the angel and heavenly host were doing. According to one source, in the New Testament, the Greek word for praising (although literally meaning "to speak of the excellence of a person, object or event") can mean "the joyful praise of God as expressed in doxology, hymn, or prayer. Furthermore, there has always been a strong connection in the Bible between praising and singing. So it is conceivable that the idea of

singing angels to announce the birth of the Savior is not out of the question and could in all likelihood be true.

Music and singing is a powerful tool to announce good news and to proclaim God's message. Martin Luther agreed with me! He said, "...the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to us to let us know that we should praise God...by proclaiming the Word of God through music..."

I invite you to take advantage of every opportunity that the church offers this Advent and Christmas season in joining with the angels in praising God, in song, word and deed. Thanks be to God for the gift of his Son. A reflective and peaceful Advent and a joyful Christmas-tide to you.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Don

ABC's of the NATIVITY

ABC's of the Nativity will be presented by the Sunday school children on December 11th at 11:00.

There will be two rehearsals for the children's Christmas pageant, on December 4th and December 11th during the Sunday

school hour. Speaking parts will be in your boxes and also will be emailed to those interested parties.

The LYNC kids who have made a commitment will have one brief rehearsal for about 20 minutes, following the 11:00

service on December 4th. They will also need to be present for the December 11th rehearsal during Sunday school.

Glenda
Kilminster

Council Notes

Young Couples Night Out!

In celebration of the holidays we are planning a couples night out on Saturday, December 10th, at 8:00

p.m. The destination to be determined...look for an e-mail invitation and please respond to it as soon as possible, so we can make the reservations !

*Thanks,
Carl and
Shannon Carlson*

Family Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 18th, at 12:15 p.m. we will be having our Family Christmas Caroling event. Everyone is invited to join the group leaving from the church following the 11:00 a.m.

Service. Details will be shared in the Sunday bulletins.

The Council approved the following names as candidates for Church Council for 2012: Wayne Thom, George Goodman, C.D. Hathcock, Harry Kaiser, Nancy Nein, Ken Leeser and Cathy Lyall.

October actual giving exceeded expected giving by \$8,000. So, despite the fact that ex-

penses were slightly higher than expected in October, church finances look good. Year-to-date, we are net positive by about \$16,000.

The Council passed a motion to accept the Finance team's proposed budget and present it at the Congregation meeting on November 20th.

The "new" Preschool Director, Heidi Renner, is having to resign, because her husband (a pastor) has taken a call in Florida. The Preschool board has hired Jessica Jordan to take her place.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy Lyall

Highlighted Ministry—Personnel

The personnel committee is the group in our congregation that carries out the obligations of the congregation as an employer. The role of the personnel committee is to assist and support the congregation council in carrying out the following responsibilities:

- To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.
- To maintain supportive relationships with the pastor and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling or employment.

The personnel committee is responsible for annually reviewing all compensation pro-

vided for all members of the staff and making recommendations to the congregation council. The committee will work with all employees to be sure that lines of authority are clear, and that they are enabled to carry out those aspects of ministry that have been entrusted to them. The personnel committee is also responsible for issues with legal implications, such as ensuring that there is a safe and secure working environment.

Another area of responsibility and our next area of focus is the Child Protection Policy. Living Saviour believes that every child has, at all times and in all situations, the right to feel safe and protected from situations or practices that could result being physically or psychologically harmed. The Child Protection Policy,

Procedure, and Guidelines Manual is for the orientation of all church employees, volunteers, members and others who interact and/or are in frequent contact with children in the church environment. The policy provides guidelines on how to maintain a secure and safe environment so that every child can feel comfortable and can flourish. A copy of the manual is posted on the church website for review, [Child Protection Policy Procedure Manual](#).

Training and screening of staff and volunteers will be a major task. We will be planning the best and most effective way to accomplish this task, and will communicate the schedule with the congregation.

Luther Dasher,
Representative to Council

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

Sunday, December 4th, is the date for the big Living Saviour Lutheran Church stocking stuffer event. We will gather immediately following the 11:00 Service in the fellowship hall and will need all hands on deck. Linda and I have been busy since the spring yard sale

purchasing stuffers with the proceeds from the sale. Now we need people to help in the stuffing of the stockings..

Pizza and drinks will be provided. This is a churchwide event for all ages. It will be

lots of fun and there will be plenty of stockings to fill.

If you have any questions, please contact either Joey Kandelhardt or Linda Frixen.

Lutheran Bowling League

Living Saviour will once again be participating in the Lutheran Bowling League. Games are held on Friday nights starting on the first Friday in January. All levels of bowlers are encouraged to join. Do not worry about your average or skill level, as each bowler has handicap points that are added to his or her score each game. This is a great opportunity to

meet members of other congregations, while engaging in a fun activity. Last year we had one team of four bowlers and hope to increase the number of teams this year. You can form your own team or sign up individually and become part of a team. We are also looking for substitute bowlers. Each week, the bowlers pay for their 3 games (last year

\$12) and shoe rental if needed. Sign up sheets will be posted on the kiosk.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Wayne Thom at 704-544-6647 or wayne-thomnc@aol.com.

LIVING SAVIOUR PRE-SCHOOL

It is with mixed emotions that the Living Saviour Preschool Board announces that our Director, Heidi Renner, will be leaving the Preschool in mid-December. Heidi and her family will be relocating back to their home in Tampa, Florida, where her husband, Daniel, who is a worship pastor, has accepted a call from their home church. We are pleased that Jessica Jordan has accepted the position as the new director. She will start on November 28 and brings extensive experience and a passion for education and children. Please join the board is wishing Heidi Godspeed and welcoming Jessica into our church and preschool family!

Tami Coltrane

Offering Envelopes for 2012

I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have more members in the church than I expected when I ordered envelopes for 2012! Of course, the bad news is that I may not have enough envelopes ordered for 2012! For those who contribute using Simply Giving (an electronic draft of your checking account), I do not plan to give them envelopes. They will still receive giving statements as they will still be assigned an envelope number (in

the 300 series). They just won't have envelopes.

There are some that do not use or rarely use envelopes even though they give regularly. For those, I probably will not provide you with envelopes for 2012 (although you will still have an envelope number assigned to you in the 300 series).

So, please consider using Simply Giving. Or let me know if you are willing to do

without envelopes for 2012. If you write a check (and therefore provide me with a way of identifying your contributions to the church), you will still receive a giving statement.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jim Huddle

Living Saviour's Stewardship Campaign

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Living Saviour's Stewardship Campaign. Your support and generosity of this church is greatly appreciated. Beyond just pledging, please check out these easy ways to increase your giving and/or manage your pledge:

If you are a Thrivent member, you may be eligible to allocate Thrivent Choice dollars to a Lutheran organization of your choice, including Living Saviour. These dollars add up quickly so please take the time to visit the Thrivent Choice website at www.thrivent.com/

[thriventchoice/](http://www.thriventchoice/) to see if you are eligible.

Until December 31 2011, you are provided a tax incentive when you give a gift from your IRA to any non-profit, including Living Saviour. For more information visit www.http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/ELCA-Foundation/Gift-Planning/Assets-to-Give/IRA-Charitable-Rollover.aspx or contact Christine Post-Duncan, the North Carolina Synod Planned Giving Director, at 1-866-630-3522.

Simply Giving is a no-hassle way to give your offering to Living Saviour. Just fill out a form to easily set up an automatic draft from your checking or savings account. This really helps the church during the summer months when people are on vacation and giving isn't as consistent. See Jim Huddle or the office staff for a form.

Emily Phillips and
The Stewardship Committee

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT LIVING SAVIOUR

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM—FAMILY SERVICE

Children are invited to participate in an
impromptu portrayal of the
Christmas story.

Costumes provided!
Worship includes
Holy Communion and candle lighting.

10:00 PM—CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE
Carols for instruments, choir and assembly.
Christmas readings and message.
Holy Communion will be celebrated.

CHRISTMAS DAY

One Service
10:00 AM



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 2012

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

December 12, 2011

10:00 a.m.

In the fellowship hall.

Will not meet the first Monday of December,
but the second Monday, instead.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet,
but want to learn, you are welcome.



Please join us—it's a wonderful time of sharing!!

Questions? Contact Sondi Funderburg at
803-802-1988 or pfunderburg@carolina.rr.com

SERVING ROOM IN THE INN THIS MONTH AT LIVING SAVIOUR

DATE GREETER	SAT. BUS PICKUP	HOSPITALITY SETUP	SERVE MEAL PROVIDE MEAL	SUN. BUS DRIVER	OVERNIGHT HOST	MON. BUS DRIVER	DRIVER PICKUP	LAUNDRY TEAM
Dec. 3-5 Alice J.	Nancy Nein George Goodman	Sherry Wooldridge Jack Holbein Lynn Stephens Nancy Nein	Joy and Elisabeth Forster Trio Restaurant	Buddy Vandiver	Alice Jenkins Caren Ballantine	Buddy Vandiver	Charlie Gribble	Glenda Kilminster Nancy Nein
Dec. 10-12 Nancy N.	Tony & Mary Ann Eller	Tony & Mary Ann Eller George Goodman	Sherry Wooldridge Carolyn Kurth Rotelli Pizza	Tony Eller	George Goodman Sherry Wooldridge	Tony Eller	Mary Ann Eller	Jeanne Davis Sherry Wooldridge
Dec. 17-19 Paula H.	Terry Godwin Rufus Gregory	Jeanne Davis Crissy Cicuzza Sharon Godfrey	Gene Gazda and the Boy Scouts Prepare & Serve	Jose Royo	Mary Ann Eller Beth Bennett-Hill	Jose Royo	Alice Royo	Lynn Stephens Joey Kendelhardt
Dec. 24-26 Nancy N.	David & Nancy Nein	Jack & Paula Holbein	Wayne & Lorene Thom New South Rest.	David Nein	David & Nancy Nein	David Nein	Nancy Nein	Glenda Kilminster Nancy Nein
Dec. 31- Jan. 2 Alice J.	George Goodman Elaine Horack	Nancy Nein Glenda Kilminster	Terry Godwin Ashley Houseton New South Rest.	George Goodman	George Goodman Steve Aberle	George Goodman	Elaine Horack	Ann Westphal

ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A NATIVITY TABLEAU
Presented by
Choirs of Living Saviour
Accompanied by Orchestra and Organ



Sunday, Dec.11, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments following the concert provided by
the Fellowship Team

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, "PRIMETIMERS"

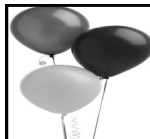


It's time to celebrate all our Birthdays for the year, a time also to be thankful for all the new members who have joined us this year.

A Special thank you
to Jeanne Davis, Pat Beiersdorf, and Janet Mayer
for baking the homemade
Bread, Muffins, and goodies to give for our draw-
ings. You are greatly appreciated.

Happy Birthday to a wonderful group
Who are all so faithful in coming each month.
We have had a fantastic year,
Let's do it again!!

Now it's time to celebrate and eat cake!!!



Please join us for lunch
Wednesday, December 21st, 11:30 a.m.
At Waldhorn Restaurant
Lancaster Highway

Ages 50 and above are welcome
Questions? Contact Dawn Gibson at 704-542-1740

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

An invitation to all women of Living Saviour!

Annual Christmas Party
Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm

At the home of:
Alice Jenkins
9429 Briarwick Ln.
Charlotte, NC 28277



What to bring:

- A wrapped pretty Christmas ornament to exchange
- Optional - your favorite party finger food (sweet or savory)
- A monetary offering for
Lutheran World Relief

Prayer Partners
plan to reveal yourselves this evening!

Please join us for a festive evening!

JOYS AND CARES

Need a card for a Birthday, Wedding,
Anniversary, Birth of new baby,
Get Well, Friendship, Miscellaneous -
We've got you covered.....



Stop by our "Joys and Cares" card rack
On the wall outside the church office
Great cards—only \$1.00 each.

Questions or suggestions? contact Dawn Gibson at
704-542-1740 or fourleafclover@att.net.

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***Wednesday Choirs 6:30-7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers 7:30-9:00 pm Chancel Choir ***Sunday Choirs 7:40 am -Sanctuary Choir SS-Celebration Choir (K-1) 4:00-4:45 Joy Choir (Grades2-6)				1 7:00 am Men's Bible Group 6:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out at Harpers	2	3 9:00 am- 12:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am LYNC Pageant Practice
4 7:40 Sanctuary Choir Youth—9:30 practice for pageant 12:00 stocking stuffer event Children's Choirs during SS 5 pm-6 am (Mon) RITI	5 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	6 6:30 pm Praying with Scripture 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	7 11:30-12:30 Bible Study 1:30-2:30 pm Praying with Scripture ***Wed Choirs	8 7:00 am Men's Bible Group	9 6:30—8:30 pm Girl Scouts	10 9:00 am-1:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
11 7:40 Sanctuary Choir 9:30-10:30 Practice for Pageant (SS and Youth) 11:00 am Children's Pageant 5 pm-6 am (Mon) RITI 7:00 pm Advent/Christmas Concert	12 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	13 6:30 pm Praying with Scripture 6:45 pm Cub Scouts	14 11:30 am Primitimers 11:30-12:30 pm Bible Study 1:30-2:30 pm Praying w/Scripture	15 7:00 am Men's Bible Group 10:30 am—12:30 Preschool Christmas Program 7:00 pm Hope Circle Christmas Party at Alice Jenkins	16 CMS Last day 10:30 am—12:30 Preschool Christmas Program 6 pm-9 am (Sat) LYNC Lock-in	17 9:00 am End of LYNC Lock-in 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Piano Recital
18 7:40 Sanctuary Choir Group Sunday School 12:15 pm Family Christmas Caroling 5 pm-6 am (Mon) RITI	19 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Council Meeting	20	21 11:30- Primitimers ***Wed Choirs	22 7:00 am Men's Bible Group	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
25 Christmas No Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service (only) 5 pm-6 am (Mon) RITI	26	27	28	29 7:00 am Men's Bible Group	30	31

December Birthdays

12/1	Lesa Johnson	12/19	Sarah Pope
	Nancy Nein	12/20	Adair Hill
			Karen Kaufeld
12/2	Lisa Krause	12/22	John Barkley
12/3	Dawn Gibson		Cliff Pulkas
	Nancy Hann	12/23	Kenneth Kilminster
12/6	Beth Bennett-Hill		Ray Kilminster
	Gordon Hann		Justin Krause
12/7	Ryan Huber	12/24	Pat Hippi
12/11	Jeannine Le Van	12/25	Angela Macmurphy
	Larry Wagstaff	12/26	Bill Carver
12/12	Liam Gilpin		Polly Farris
	Terrence McConnell		Lars Rumpf
	Mary Pulkas		Joanna Schwebel
12/15	Luke Gordon		Alexis Willis
12/16	Kristin Laney	12/28	Carol Badal
	Avery West	12/31	Ken Cochran
12/17	Nicholas Walder		Joy Forster
12/18	Charles Klein		

December Anniversaries

12/8	Russell & Lillian Stephens
12/9	Harry & Sara Kaiser
12/21	Bill & Corky Carver
	Eddie & Pat Sipe
12/25	Preston & Sarah Gist
12/26	Glenn & Pat Hippi
12/29	Daniel & Diana Slusser
12/30	David & Linda Frixen
12/31	Bob & Linda Honeycutt

If you notice any errors or omissions, please contact the church office so that our records can be updated.

Thank you.

