

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH AT THE GREGG PARK CLUBHOUSE

Backpack Blessing & Lunch and Swim

Back to School Bash



Join us in Worship for a Blessing of the Backpacks, followed by a picnic. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert, and your swimsuit!

THE CONTACT

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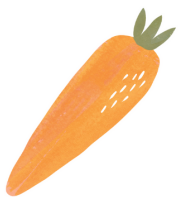
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Little Free Pantry *Needed*

1. Pop Top single entrée servings (Ravioli, Mac and Cheese, etc.)
2. Canned Protein/Meats
3. Canned fruit
4. Carbohydrates such as Cereal (small servings are best,) Granola Bars, Pasta, Rice, Oatmeal, Grits, Crackers
5. Peanut Butter
6. Feminine Paper Products
7. Toiletries



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God's work. Our hands.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants to one another.
- Galatians 5:13

Well, another summer is nearly in the books. I know everyone always claims that things slow down in the summer, but I don't think that's true. Every time I talk to folks, I hear about new summer plans to "go and do".

It's true here in the church, too. Yes, our weekly Wednesday Bible Study is on hiatus, but we replaced it with Vacation Bible School, GraceWorks, and any number of faith formation and fellowship events. For example, it's been wonderful to see the return of Holy Guacamole and playdates at our local parks. We've also hosted new events here at ILC like our church picnic a few weeks ago, and we partnered with Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary to host the Religious Arts Festival at the end of July.

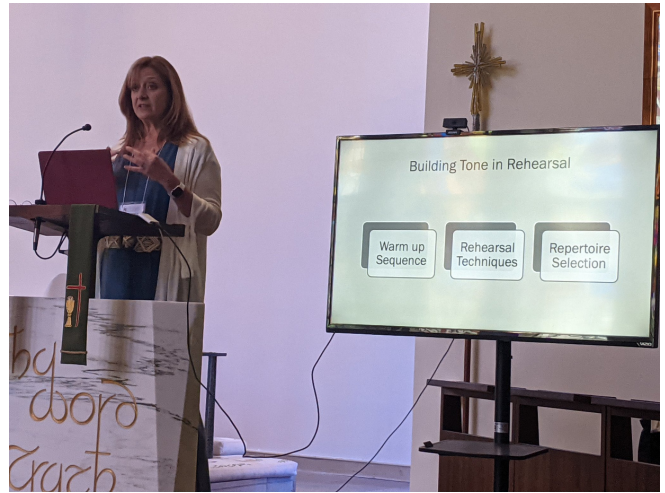
It doesn't end there. Council has been hard at work assessing the needs of our buildings and planning ahead for next year. Our Stewardship team has brought us temple talks, stewardship snippets, and monthly articles. Our Worship team is already looking ahead and planning for Advent. Our Faith Formation team is planning events for the fall and exploring how and when to offer a "Sunday School" experience. Oktoberfest organizing is well underway, and our Quilting Group has sent its latest batch of quilts to Lutheran World Relief to benefit Ukrainian refugees who are finding a new home here in South Carolina.

It seems that every time I turn around this church is up to something to show their love for one another and for our community. It's wonderful to see.

Paul's challenge to the church in Galatia is one that continues to speak to and inform the practice of our faith. Where and how is God calling you to serve in your church? How are you using your freedom in Christ to make a difference in your community? You have been called into a life of freedom, one marked by love and servanthood. You have been marked and set aside as sanctified and redeemed. You have been sent out into the world to witness to the Kingdom of God drawn near in Christ, in word, deed and action. May God bless us in our work, in our play and in our families as we seek to live into God's vision of the blessed community.

Pastor Emily

MUSIC



Congratulations to a successful first annual Religious Arts Festival sponsored by the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. Twenty-four church musicians attended and were treated to two brilliant concerts and several masterclasses by Peter Sykes (University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and Julliard in NYC) and Eric Plutz (Princeton University) at Christ Chapel and at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Wayne Leupold and Alicia Walker presented very informative classes on music publications and developing beautiful choral tone from your singers. Attendees were able to tour the archives at the Seminary and look at hymnals and prayer books from the 1700s. On July 30th we concluded our three-day event with a multid denominational morning prayer service at Incarnation Lutheran Church with choirs led by Beth Mears and yours truly at the organ. Afterwards, we heard another marvelous masterclass at Shandon Methodist Church with The Rev. Dr. Mary Shore presiding. Thanks to all who helped to make this a brilliant event.

Yours,
 Dr. Patrick Hawkins
 Director of Music and Organist

CDC

Summer Fun!

Our CDC children had a blast at the downtown location of Richland County Public Library. They played games, read books, and had a blast!



Please join us for our next church and CDC fellowship event!



FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Join Incarnation
at the playground at Owens Field
(1351 Jim Hamilton Blvd.)



Sat. Aug. 20

| 9 am



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

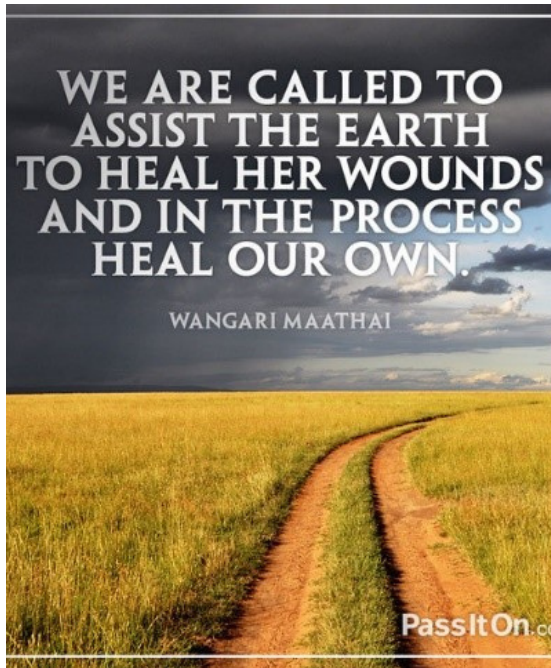


Thank you to everyone who donated items and time to help make VBS a success! We had a wonderful week of fun and learning. Looking forward to next year's VBS already! Throughout our week we heard Bible stories where people encountered problems, and found peaceful solutions!



STEWARDSHIP

Stewards of our Natural World



“God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.” –Genesis 1:31

Type “glacier loss” into an internet search engine, examine photos of ice sheets today versus just a few decades ago, and you will draw the same conclusion as the world’s best scientists: We are losing ice, and fast.

But melting glaciers is just one of the many crises facing our natural world. Stressed by warming temperatures, rising sea levels, shifting weather patterns, acidifying ocean waters, and pollution of land, air and water, nature itself is under grave threat. Thousands of species of insects, plants and animals are going extinct as habitat, from coral reefs to rainforests to estuaries, is destroyed.

“Our planet is in crisis,” says campaignfornature.org. “The natural world is disappearing at an unprecedented rate.”

For God’s people, appointed as caretakers of God’s creation, this is not just troubling news but also a call to action. Let’s dedicate ourselves to learning about and fighting for God’s creation. Here are some ideas:

- Learn about the growing crises and how they threaten our lives. Teach others.
- Pick one problem and make it a focus for education, awareness, and action in your family or congregation.
- Connect with nature by visiting a park or wild place near you.
- Pick up litter and trash from the street or public land.
- Learn about the plants and animals that live in your area.
- Plant flowers, herbs, vegetables, or trees.
- Advocate for public policies that will promote conservation.
- Find a special way to observe Earth Day in your family, congregation, or community. Our natural world is under threat, but God’s people can make a difference by caring and getting busy

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

AUGUST AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:00 pm - Troop 8	2 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	3 Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 CDC Board Meeting at 6:30	4	5	6
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AUGUST HAPPENINGS

August 9th - Council Meeting at 6:30

August 14th - Lunch and Swim at Gregg Park Pool after Worship

August 20th - 9 am Playdate at Owens Field

August 25th - Holy Guacamole at Casa Linda at 6:00 pm



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(10 a.m. Worship is also live streamed on Facebook.)

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