

# DECEMBER 2021

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP & CONCERTS

Wednesdays at 5:45 pm - Advent Evening  
Worship

Organ Recital by Dr. Patrick Hawkins -  
December 15th at 6:30 pm

Palmetto Chamber Orchestra Christmas  
Concert - December 19th at 4:00 pm

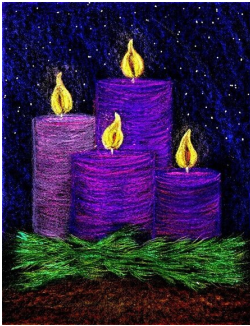


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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:



*'ad,vent/*

- 1. the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event.*
- 2. the first season of the Christian church year.*
- 3. the coming, or the second coming, of Christ.*

It's hard to believe that Advent is here already. I don't know about your household, but mine is definitely not ready yet. I haven't excavated the decorations from the garage, baked cookies, or hung even a single strand of lights. There just hasn't been time in the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I don't expect it to get better. I suppose it's good that we're given four weeks of preparation time, because I certainly will need it.

Though I am behind on those festive preparations, I have begun the yearly immersion into the scriptures that ready us for the coming of Christ. These stories begin the process of attuning our hearts and minds to the incredible new thing that God is doing in the world, and they challenge us to make ourselves ready for God's coming. Over the course of the next few weeks, we will delve into these stories to hear again God's message of hope and love for the world.

Join us for Sunday Advent worship, as we look at the Promises of Advent, and take a mid-week break for Wednesday Evening Worship at 5:45pm, as we prepare with Psalms and Songs of Advent.

May your Advent be a blessed time of preparation, of expectation, of hope, and of joy.

*Pastor Emily*

Take a break from the chaos of Christmas and join us for a Service of Evening Prayer, as we ready ourselves for the coming of Christ.

Wednesdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary of Incarnation Lutheran Church.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Partners in Ministry!

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed a number of people into the fellowship of Incarnation Lutheran Church. On November 21st, we welcomed ten individuals:

Katherine Pridgen Ballentine  
Mark Jackson Ballentine  
Michael Wells Ballentine  
Martha Ballentine Engle  
Wells Fulmer Engle

Marcy Coster-Schulz  
Jennie Temple  
Dana Temple  
Emmie Temple  
Earl (Buddy) Wilkes, Jr.

And beginning on November 28th, we welcomed twenty-one individuals from Christ the King Lutheran Church, who have transferred their membership here:

Dianne Barbee  
Susan Bennett  
Mark Buchan  
Nancy Buchan  
Athena Christensen  
Gordon Holscher  
Pat Holscher  
Billy Wannamaker  
Jane Wannamaker  
Pamela Williams  
Fred Hunt  
Barry Kemp

Bill Lamb  
Christel Lamb  
Hal Maragh  
Mary Nettles  
Alfred (Buddy) Pedersen  
Josie Pedersen  
Andrew Seebauer  
Stefanie Seebauer  
Sandra Vassallo

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest partners in faith here at Incarnation Lutheran Church.



## MUSIC

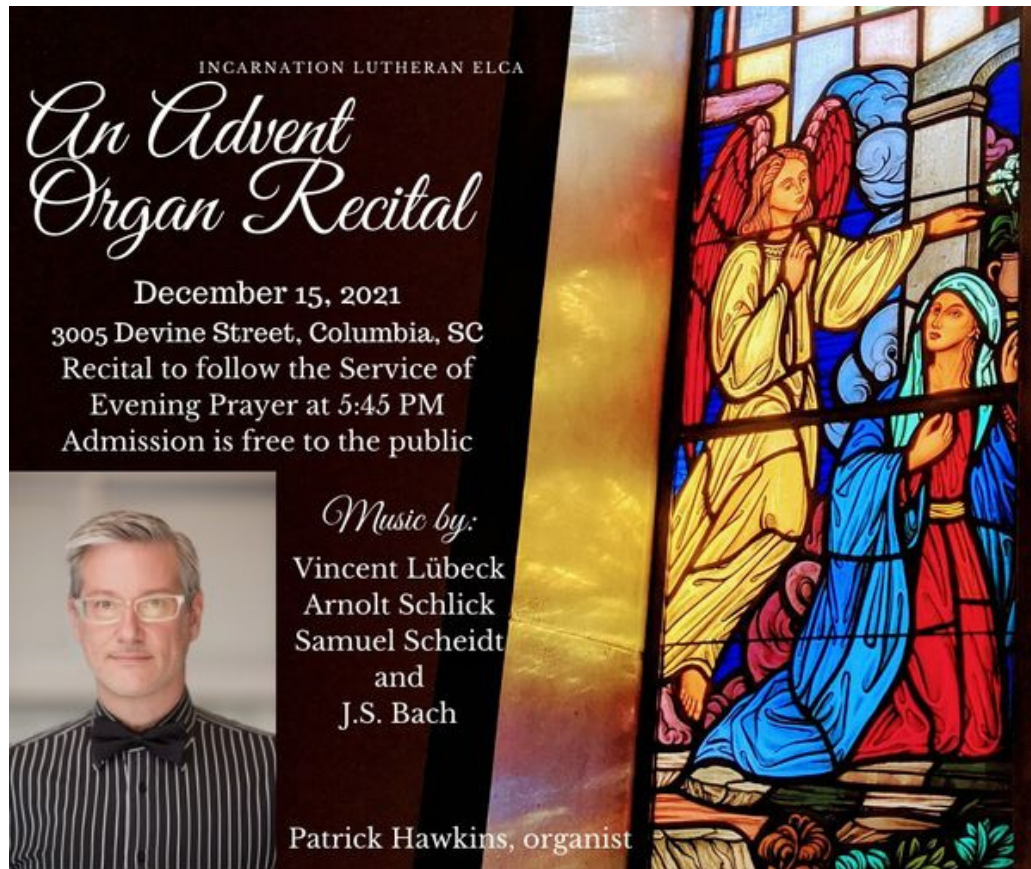
# Advent Organ Recital

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Incarnation Lutheran Church is hosting an Advent Evensong and Organ Recital on Wednesday, December 15th. The service starts at 5:45pm, and is followed by a recital of German Renaissance and Baroque music for Advent and Christmas. We hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Music Director and Organist



INCARNATION LUTHERAN ELCA

## An Advent Organ Recital

December 15, 2021  
3005 Devine Street, Columbia, SC  
Recital to follow the Service of  
Evening Prayer at 5:45 PM  
Admission is free to the public

*Music by:*  
Vincent Lübeck  
Arnolt Schlick  
Samuel Scheidt  
and  
J.S. Bach

Patrick Hawkins, organist

# MUSIC

## Palmetto Chamber Orchestra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

Palmetto Chamber Orchestra is back!

They will be performing at Incarnation Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 pm. Come join us for this free holiday event!

**Palmetto  
Chamber  
Orchestra**

MUSIC DIRECTOR  
MAESTRA SUZANNA PAVLOVSKY

**COLUMBIA CELEBRATES!  
HOLIDAY CONCERT!**

**DECEMBER 19, 4 PM**

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## CDC

The CDC kids enjoying Smores in the backyard for Thanksgiving break.



The CDC kids learning about the Advent season and Chrismon trees from Pastor Emily.



## COUNCIL UPDATES:

2022 council members:

Suzanne Snyder, Russ Rushe, Elizabeth McKenna & Mike Willhide were voted in at the congregation meeting on Nov 21, 2021.

2022 Foundation board member Debbie Shurr was voted in at the congregation meeting on Nov 21, 2021.

The congregation approved for the council to establish a music endowment fund with the \$10,000 Jessel contribution.

- Kim Yerrick

## COUNCIL COVID UPDATES:

At our last council meeting, Council voted to approve changes to our worship with regards to our Covid protocols. Starting Sunday, November 28th, we will now offer both in your seat communion (like we've been doing it) as well as the opportunity to come down front to take communion by station, using a pouring chalice and individual cups. Gloves, masks, spacing will be used. We will also once again begin passing the offering plate.

## FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

### *Caroling :*

Please join us on Sunday, December 19th for Christmas Caroling. This is a youth event, but anyone is welcome. Stay tuned for further details.

### *Bible Study:*

Wednesday Noon Bible Study is weekly in the Fellowship Hall.



### *Sunday Shorts:*

Every Sunday, join us on Facebook for some faith fun. The Incarnation Facebook page will post a short video featuring a story from scripture and a craft or activity to go with it. Watch the video, make the craft, and post a picture of your creation in the comments!

# ADVENT SCHEDULE

*Sunday, November 28th*

8:30 am Worship  
10:00 am Worship



*Wednesday, December 1st*

5:45 pm Advent Evening Worship

*Sunday, December 5th*

8:30 am Worship  
10:00 am Worship



*Wednesday, December 8th*

5:45 pm Advent Evening Worship

*Sunday, December 12th*

8:30 am Worship  
10:00 am Worship

*Wednesday, December 15th*

5:45 pm Advent Evening Worship  
Advent Evensong and Organ Recital after Worship

*Sunday, December 19th*

8:30 am Worship  
10:00 am Worship  
4:00 pm Palmetto Chamber Orchestra Concert

*Wednesday, December 22nd*

5:45 pm Advent Evening Worship

*Christmas Eve - December 24th*

5:00 pm Festival Worship





# 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

## Incarnation's Chrismons Celebrate an Anniversary!

1961-2021

This year has marked Incarnation's centennial. Did you know it also marks the SIXTIETH anniversary of Chrismons at Incarnation?

On December 23, 1961, Incarnation's parish worker, Lutheran Deaconess Sister Louise Schulze, sent a letter to Frances Kipps Spencer at Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia:

*We have seen your "Chrismons" at the Lutheran Seminary.  
They are very beautiful and many have admired your symbols.  
The State and the Columbia Record newspapers in their edition of December 17<sup>th</sup>  
have given the symbols and you quite a write-up.  
We have never seen anything quite so lovely.*

*In reading the newspaper, we note that you have sent blueprints  
to many Churches.*

*We are wondering if you will send us a copy of the blueprints.  
Whatever the cost, we will gladly pay.*



No date, circa 1960s

And so began a tradition that has been maintained at Incarnation for the next six decades. Members of all ages at Incarnation began making Chrismons beginning in the 1960s according to the "blueprints" (i.e. patterns) sent by Ascension, the first creator of Chrismons in 1957. Members made them during Sunday School, during Vacation Bible School, "Wonderful Wednesdays," weekday gatherings, and in individual homes for years.

They became experts at weaving pearls onto gold wire, cutting out Styrofoam with "hotwires," and gluing on sequins and gold glitter. Invoices from Rufty's Garden Shop in Salisbury, NC, the official supplier of many of the basic elements of Chrismons, fill the files of the Chrismon archives, indicating the exploding growth of the little "Chrismon-making industry" at Incarnation.

The Chrismon tradition continues to grow even today. When Resurrection Lutheran Church, off of Rosewood Avenue, closed in 2018, several members united with Incarnation. They brought with them a lovely tree skirt, consisting of individual cross-stitched squares of Christian symbols that they had used for the Resurrection Chrismon tree. Because Incarnation has TWO trees, another tree skirt was needed, and members of Incarnation have now in 2021 created a second, matching skirt.



CHRISMONS COMMITTEE	
<u>Assembling</u>	<u>Tree and Lights</u>
Mrs. H.L. Palmer	Mr. Frank Rader, Sr.
Mrs. Martha L. Pollette	Dr. Erland Nelson
Mrs. Ethel Doney	Mr. John Watkins
Mrs. H.E. Livingston	Johnny Miller
Mrs. James T. Wilds, Jr.	Ken Stuykio
Miss Lillie Younginer	Billy Huetze
Sister Louise Schulz	Buddy Duncan
Mrs. James A. Hadwin	Tr. Byron Peters
Mrs. Johannie A. Cooper	
Mrs. Daley Hattisvanger, Jr.	
Bronnie Scout Troup #173	
12 Year Class YCS	
Mrs. B.D. Hattisvanger	<u>Program</u>
Mrs. Deane Fowble	Mrs. Robert Avinger
Mrs. John Miller	Mrs. Boyd Bearden
Women of the Church	
Mrs. Sidney Duncan	

No date, circa 1960s

Through wars, recessions, hard times - and even a pandemic - the Chrismon trees of Incarnation, with their richly symbolic ornaments, have been a beautiful reminder of the Advent and Christmas season, and of Incarnation's history. We give thanks for all who have contributed to it for over sixty years.

# 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

## Chrismon Thank You's!

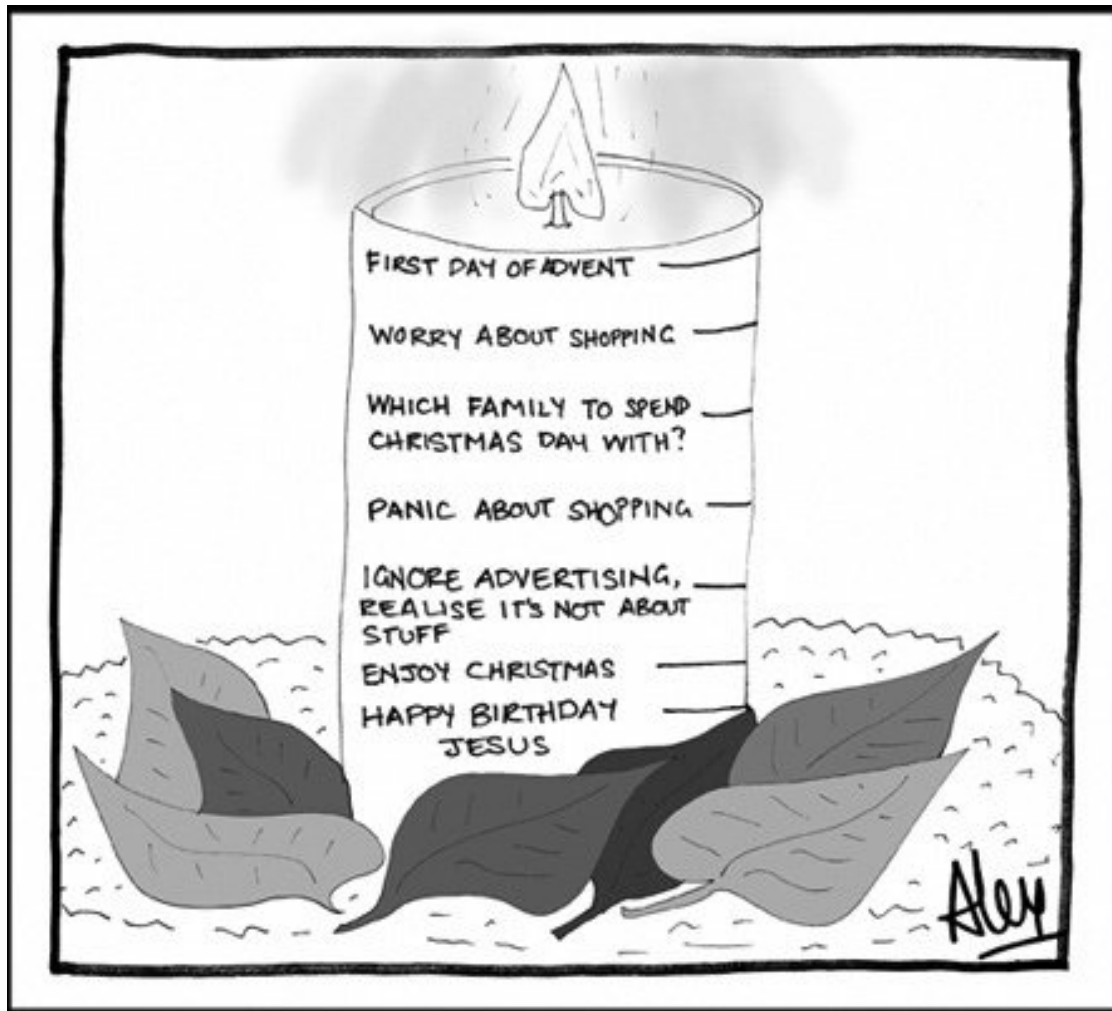
Thanks to the many, many people who stayed after church on November 21st to put up our Chrismon Trees! Special shout out to the Property Committee who had them up in record time, Chefs Ed and Leslie Skinner, and Patrick Hawkins, for the delicious chili, the decorators of all ages, and the young men of BSA Troop 8 who came to help! We will enjoy these beautiful trees all season long!





# LECTOR AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE

December 5	Mary Kehl	Bill Williamson
December 12	Janet Hoffmann	John Sawicki
December 19	Leslie Skinner	John Sawicki
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Mimi Fisher	Jeff Shealy
December 26	Susan McArver	Amy Kehl
January 2	Mary Kehl	Janet Hoffman
January 9	Janet Hoffmann	Teresa Boykin
January 16	Leslie Skinner	Bill Williamson



# UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

## DECEMBER AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
5:00 pm - Troop 8	9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8	1 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 12:00 Bible Study: 5:45 Advent Evening Worship 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Choir Practice After Worship	2	3	4	5 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am- Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice Worship & Music -12:00 pm
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20 6:00 pm - Troop 8	21 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	22 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 12:00 Bible Study: 5:45 Advent Evening Worship 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Choir Practice After Worship	23	24 Christmas Eve Office & CDC Closed 5:00 - Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office & CDC Closed	26 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice
27 Office Closed 6:00 pm - Troop 8	28 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	29 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 12:00 Bible Study: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Choir Practice After Worship	30	31 CDC Closed		



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**Worship:** Sundays at 8:30 am and 10 a.m.

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

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