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Incarnation Lutheran Church



South Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Worship has moved Online!

Worship will be streamed on Facebook. There is a direct link on our website as well. All bulletins will be posted on our website under the communications tab.

New Weekly Activities at Incarnation

Incarnation has included a weekly devotional in our E-Blasts! We encourage you to participate. There is also a link on our website under the blog tab.

To the members of ILC:

I've just received your incredible Christmas love offering, and wanted to say a heartfelt thank you. It has been an unconventional first six months together, but I give thanks to God each day that I am called to be your pastor. May God continue to bless the members and ministries of this church!

- Pastor Emily Willhide



SC SYNOD

Are you interested in going to the Synod Assembly?

Delegates hear updates from the wider church, vote on resolutions while representing Incarnation, and meet other Lutherans from across the state. If you're interested in attending this year, please contact the church office.

Foundation Highlights for 2020

“Give and it will be given to you.” – Luke 6:38

In 2020, the Foundation provided grants to the following in accordance with our bylaws:

ILC CHURCH - \$20,605.00

ILC Confirmands Faith Alive

Church Council for Synod Apportionment

ILC 100th Anniversary Committee

ILC Backyard Committee (planning money)

ILC Maintenance (gift to Building Fund)

COMMUNITY - \$20,000.00

Midlands Foundation for Foster Children

Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services (Paals)

Oliver Gospel Mission

Beloved Ministry

Transitions

Harvest Hope Food Bank

Midlands Foundation for Foster Children

Senior Resources (aka Meals on Wheels)

SisterCare

Pets Inc

Palmetto Place

Boys Farm

CHURCH AT LARGE - \$19,500.00

Camp Kinard

NovusWay Ministries (Lutherock, Lutheridge)

Troop 8

Pack 8

Lutheran Services Carolina

Lutheran World Relief

Epworth Children's Home

Toby's Place

Harriet Hancock Center

Autism Academy (The Unumb Center for Neurodevelopment)

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Updates:

- The Foundation voted to accept a request from the Congregation to set aside a portion of the Foundation investments to act as collateral for a construction loan to remodel and upgrade the church restrooms, sanctuary, and organ. \$867,114.69 was set aside where it must be maintained as a guarantee to the construction loan secured with Southern First Bank. These funds will continue to earn interest and dividends but cannot be repurposed until this construction loan is paid. The Foundation also agreed to contribute a portion of the monthly construction loan payments along with the Church Council and the CDC.
- The Foundation contributed to the love offering for Pastor Jane Mitcham and we are grateful for all her dedication and selfless contributions to Incarnation during her time with us.
- The Foundation also agreed to support the 100th Anniversary Committee by covering initial expenses as they prepare for the planned 2021 celebrations.

A Note from our Council President

Incarnation Lutheran Church Members,

What a great way to kick off our 100th Anniversary with guest Pastor Rusty Kehl and the installation of Pastor Emily! And on that note, January is “Water Month” when we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Our 100th year goal is to collect: At least **100 bottles of water** to donate to Harvest Hope and to collect **\$100** or more toward building a well in Africa through the ELCA Good Gifts program.

Calling all cross stitchers!! We have 85 cross stitch squares that need to be stitched for our new Chrismon tree skirt that matches the skirt we received from the members of Resurrection. Nora Shealy has made kits that can be picked up at the church, if you can't get to the church we will deliver. Call the office.

Looking forward, February is “Spread the Love” month and we will be collecting **100 jars of peanut butter** for Harvest Hope.

Bishop Ginny Aebischer will be our guest pastor on Sunday February 14th.

Please discuss with your families how you can best support our efforts. We are documenting what our members are doing inside and outside of the church to celebrate 100 years, please share your stories with the office (office@incarnationlutheran.com) for our newsletter.

Our first council meeting in 2021 will be January 19th. Pastor Emily and I are in the process of confirming our committee and board chairs and assigning council liaisons. We are also preparing for the February 7th Congregation Meeting which will be via ZOOM. The office will be sending out an invitation.

Peace of God be with you,

Kimberly Yerrick

Anniversary Committee



Our 100th Anniversary Begins!

From the 100th Anniversary Committee

Be on the lookout for a mailing coming soon to your mailbox! Despite the pandemic, the 100th Anniversary Committee has been hard at work preparing to observe the 100th anniversary of Incarnation in 2021. You will be receiving two items soon which we hope will find a place of honor on your family refrigerator:

- 1) The 100th Monthly Challenge
- 2). 100 Things You Can Do to Honor Incarnation

These are designed to give us some fun, concrete, and meaningful ways both to **give thanks** and to **give back** to our church and our community over the coming year. We hope you will participate and enjoy them!

February is Spread the Love Month!

We surpassed our goal of 100 bottles of water in January! As the second item in our “100th Monthly Challenge,” the Anniversary Committee is asking members to:

- 1) Collect at least **100 jars of peanut butter** to donate to Harvest Hope
- 2) Collect at least \$100 toward buying 100 ELCA Good Gift’s from their catalogue.
- 3) Write out a prayer for a friend, family, and/or enemy for Lent, depositing it in the wooden church box made by Tom Fryar.

Put these dates on your calendar: (and hope and pray the pandemic is under control by then)

- **October 31, 2021: Reformation Sunday**, a day to wear red and celebrate the past century as we look forward to the next one!

Pictures of the building of Incarnation's First Sanctuary – August 1921

Day 1: Members of Incarnation, St. Paul, Mt Tabor, Holy Trinity, St. Luke, Ascension and Ebenezer begin construction in August 1921.



Day 2:



Day 3:



Day 4:



Meals were provided by women of the churches every day of construction.



Final interior of the first ILC sanctuary.



Music Notes

Hello ILC Family,

Do you know who built our beautiful organ? His name is Dirk Flentrop.



I encourage you to follow this link to learn more about him.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dirk_Andries_Flentrop

Yours,
Dr. Patrick Hawkins
Cantor and Organist



A Note from Pastor Emily

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
-Psalm 51:10

I know it feels like we just made it into Epiphany, but look at the calendar and you will see that Ash Wednesday is right around the corner. As I thought about this year, with all the challenges it presented, these words of the psalmist seem to resonate a little deeper in my being. It has been a tumultuous year in many ways, and the thought of a fresh, clean start is incredibly appealing. As I wrote my annual report, and detailed all of the many twists and turns of this past year, I was reminded that oftentimes before we can look ahead, we must first look back. Lent is a good time to do that.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, when we will receive an ashen cross on our foreheads, we will engage in forty days of reflection and spiritual disciplines, as we ready ourselves for Holy Week. We will examine our lives to see what kind of fruit they bear for the sake of the Gospel. We will ask hard questions and listen for hard answers. We will repent of what needs to be forgiven and strive to orient our lives to God's will. As a community of the faithful, we will hold one another accountable and encourage one another in our baptismal promises.

The psalmist continues with, "The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Lent is a time of repentance, a time to literally "turn around" those portions of our lives that run counter to God's will. God doesn't not require extravagant acts or showy sacrifice on our part, but rather that we turn toward God to be forgiven and renewed.

As Jesus' time in the wilderness prepared him for his ministry and, ultimately, the cross, so our time in Lent prepares us to encounter the cross and the Risen Christ. We are made ready to join our will to God's in order that we might participate in the work of the Kingdom as it is realized in this place.

May your journey this Lent enrich your faith, renew your spirit, and empower you to act boldly in God's name.

Pastor Emily Willhide



³⁴A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

– John 13:34-35

Sending love this Valentine’s Day!



Q-Tip Painted “Heart Art”

- 1) Get whatever material you would like! Cardstock, paper, wood. Get creative!
- 2) Decide on a background color.
- 3) Have kids start to paint dots on their hearts with q-tips. This is always a fun painting technique that kids love!
- 4) Let them dry.
- 5) Share with us on Facebook!

Christ’s Peace,

Savannah Edis

I wear a mask because.....

Rhett – Cause I can't share germs with people.

Danijela – I don't know...OH! Coronavirus, because of the germs.

Henry – Mommy and Daddy wear their maskus because not to get coronavirus germs.

Connor – Because I like this mask and it is my favorite color.

Paige - Because of the coronavirus. Because the germs might spread.

Hadley – Because it is the only one that fits me. I'm gonna ask Grammy to make a bigger one.

Mavis – Because of the sickness. It's supposed to be gone. I love my mommy and my daddy.

Marcus - Because of the coronavirus. It's a germ, it can make you sick.

- Mrs. Terry's 4's Class



Upcoming Events in February

Sunday Worship:

Sunday Worship will be live streamed on Facebook at 10 am. Bulletins are posted on the ILC website and are available to pick up at the office Fridays between 9-1 pm.

Bible Study:

Wednesdays at noon, Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.

Self-directed Worship/Weekly Devotional:

Self-directed Worship is suspended but a weekly devotional will be included in our E-Blast's and posted under the blog section of our website.

Congregational Meeting:

Congregational Meeting will be on February 7th at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. A link will be emailed to you.

Guest Preacher for 100th Anniversary:

Bishop Ginny Aebischer will be our Guest Preacher on February 14th to celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

Transitional Foster Care Zoom Call:

Lutheran Services for the Carolinas is looking for individuals and families interested in providing transition foster care for unaccompanied children. If you are interested in helping to provide a stable, loving environment for these children, please register for the virtual information meeting being held via Zoom on February 16th, 2021.



Short-term foster care helping immigrant children in the Columbia, SC area

Virtual Informational Meeting
Tuesday 2/16/21 6pm

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Transitional Foster Care for Unaccompanied Children

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