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# FEBRUARY

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## *February Happenings*

**Sunday, February 5th:** Scout Sunday

**Thursday, February 9th:** Mary Martha Meeting at 6:00 pm

**Sunday, February 12th:** Congregational Meeting, Souper Bowl, and Super Bowl Watch Party

**Monday, February 20th:** Office Closed - Presidents Day

**Tuesday, February 21st:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:45 pm

**Wednesday, February 22nd:** Ash Wednesday Services - 12:00 pm and 5:45 pm

**Thursday, February 23rd:** Holy Guacamole

### Weekly 2023:

Quilting Group - Every Tuesday at 9:00 am

Handbell Choir - Every Wednesday from 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Choir - Every Wednesday from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Mary Martha - Every Second Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Holy Guacamole - Every Fourth Thursday at 6:00 pm



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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

We have a lot happening this February. On February 5th, we will be recognizing the positive impact of the Scouting program here in Columbia as we celebrate Scout Sunday and lift up our partnership and with Troop 8 and Pack 8. Many of our youth have participated in Scouting through this group, and we give thanks for the impact the Scouts have had on our young people. Troop 8 will be presenting a plaque to Incarnation that lists the names of those Scouts in Troop 8 who have earned their Eagle Scout award, and we hope that you will attend and celebrate this incredible ministry with us.

For the first time in several years we will be hosting a soup cook-off on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12th, and we look forward to presenting the Golden Ladle award to this year's winner. Proceeds collected in our "soup pots" will go to supporting our local food pantry ministries.

We encourage our chefs, both young and old, to bring a crock-pot of their favorite soup to share. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. We are also hosting a Super Bowl Watch Party on February 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm, using our new big screen TV. Kick-off is at 6:30pm. Bring a Super Bowl snack to share and your favorite folding camp chair. There is a sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

On Tuesday February 21st we will host a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Lutheran Men in Mission have volunteered to prepare the meal and we look forward to a celebratory evening before we enter Lent.

Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd this year and we will have worship services with the Imposition of Ashes at noon and at 5:45pm. We will mark our journey through Lent with Wednesday night services and a meal at 5:45pm. May God's blessings be on you and on this community this month!

### Lent Worship Schedule at Incarnation

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, February 21st  
5:45 Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 22nd  
12:00 pm and 5:45 Worship

Lent 1: Wednesday, March 1st  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Lent 2: Wednesday, March 8th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Lent 3: Wednesday, March 15th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

Lent 4: Wednesday, March 22nd  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner

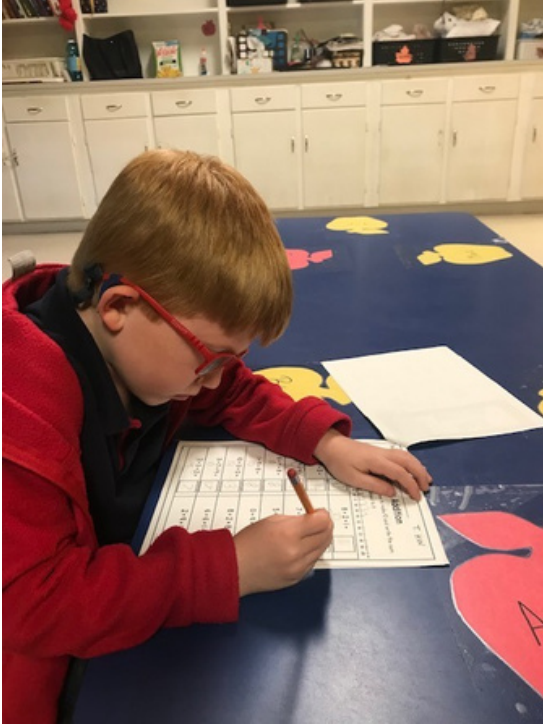
Lent 5: Wednesday, March 29th  
5:00 pm Craft and Learn & 5:45 pm Worship & Dinner



*Pastor Emily*

# CDC

## *Serious Studies...*



Serious studies and learning through play fill our days at the Child Development Centers!



## FAITH FORMATION CORNER

February is a busy month with many fun events. Children's Sunday School kicks off February 5th from 9:15-9:45 am in the CDC Building. This class time will be for our 3-year-olds through 5th graders.

The friendly fight for the Golden Ladle is back and is Sunday, February 12th after our Congregational Meeting. This will also be Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, so bring your change to donate to the fight against hunger. Please sign-up in the reception hall to enter the Soup Competition! Bring your crockpots before services to plug-in.

The month of February starts the season of Lent. Wednesday, February 22 is Ash Wednesday with services at 12:00 pm and 5:45 pm. The following Wednesdays in Lent we will have a Lenten Family Craft and Learn beginning at 5:00 pm, followed by service at 5:45 pm. This will be a time of learning and fellowship.

Holy Guacamole for February will be held Thursday the 23rd at Casa Linda on Beltline Blvd. Please make sure you RSVP by Monday February 20th so that we can get a headcount to Casa Linda.



*Souper Bowl of Caring*

*Soup Cookoff*



Join us on Sunday, February 12th for our "Soup Cookoff" for the Souper Bowl of Caring!

If you would like to enter your soup into the competition to win the Golden Ladle, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

# MUSIC

## 2nd Annual Religious Arts Festival



FEBRUARY 3-4, 2023



James O'Donnell



Michael Burkhardt

### REGISTRATION

Registration is \$75 and includes Friday evening recital and reception, all classes, and Saturday's continental breakfast and catered lunch. The deadline to register is January 30, 2023.

[lr.edu/religious-arts-festival](http://lr.edu/religious-arts-festival)

Join us February 3-4, 2023 for our second annual Religious Arts Festival.

This two-day event is designed for both part-time and full-time church musicians seeking to broaden their knowledge and practical skills. We welcome:

**James O'Donnell**, internationally recognized as a conductor, organist and teacher, will perform an organ recital on Friday evening and a masterclass on Saturday.

**Michael Burkhardt**, internationally known for innovative hymn festivals and creative work with children, will be leading several workshops in aspects of church music.

The event is co-sponsored by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Fisher Endowment), the South Carolina Chapter of the Fellowship of Worship Artists and the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

For questions, contact: Patrick Hawkins, DMA, at [patrick.hawkins@lr.edu](mailto:patrick.hawkins@lr.edu).



Join us on February 3 at 7:00 pm to watch James O'Donnell (Yale University and Westminster Abbey) perform a free organ concert at Christ Chapel at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. (1010 Wildwood Ave., Columbia)

February 4 at 1:00 pm, Dr. Michael Burkhardt will lead a hymn sing at Shandon United Methodist Church on Devine Street. All are welcome to come and sing some of their favorite hymns. (3407 Devine St., Columbia)

# STEWARDSHIP

## *"Stewardship of Loving Relationships"*

Jesus said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." – Mark 12:31b

Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." -- Matthew 5:43b

Red hearts, roses and chocolates are everywhere, so it must be February – the month of love! There's certainly nothing wrong with celebrating romance between you and a special someone, or love among family members, or best friends who are always there for one another.

But our inner-circle folks represent only a sliver of the people Jesus calls us to love. And let's face it: they're the **easy** ones to love. Jesus calls us to a higher plane of love; to love everyone. This means not just the people about whom we are ambivalent, but our actual enemies and those who persecute us.

Such love is a tall order, especially today, when hatred and demonization is rampant. Our political, media and social cultures encourage us to demean everybody with whom we disagree or who is different from us. Though it may be impossible to reach Jesus' ideal, as stewards and disciples of Jesus, we can do better.

·Turn from hate. It may be too much to love our enemies, but we can start by turning from hatred. When negative feelings arise, refuse to marinate in them. Pray for guidance and strength.

·Remember that loving your enemy doesn't mean approving of who they are, what they do, or letting them escape responsibility for their actions. It also does not mean you cannot protect yourself or others from harm.

·Imagine them as a broken, imperfect child of God (just like you!), who needs God's love and mercy.

·Pray for them. Ask God to lead them, guide them, fill their lives with healing. Ask God to give them the kind of loving heart that you are hoping to develop in yourself.

**If you do these things consistently, with God's help you will have transformed your heart, your life and our world.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

## FEBRUARY AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 Scout Sunday 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am- Sunday Worship Confirmation Class	6 9:30 am - Tiny Dancers 6:00 pm - Troop 8	7 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 6:00 pm - Pack 8	8 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 Handbells: 5:15- 6:15 Choir Rehearsal 6:15- 7:30	9 Mary Martha Choir Rehearsal 6:15- 7:30	10 Handbell Retreat Lutheridge	11 Handbell Retreat Lutheridge
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# LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Thank you to all who have been contributing food and donating money to purchase food for the Little Free Pantry. We are currently well stocked. The pantry is being well used by people in the community who are in need of food. I generally check it twice per week and each time it needs restocking. The need is great in our community.

We currently need the following items: Soup, Canned fish and meat, Juice, Fruit (cans or individual sized containers,) Crackers, Tooth Brushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Soap, Hand Sanitizers.

Place any donated items in the gray container in the hallway, near the church office. If the office is closed feel free to place items directly in the Little Free Pantry.

Thank you, Marcy Coster-Schulz

## GET IN TOUCH

Our Ministry Staff contacts are:

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**Worship:** Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

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