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Souper Bowl of Caring

Soup Cookoff

Join us on Sunday, February 11th 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!



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PASTOR EMILY

Whew, time flies by. This was brought home to me recently when I was talking to a youth that I had baptized as a toddler not too long ago, and they shared that they've recently begun the college shopping process. I was not emotionally prepared for that statement. But life rolls on, and we do our best to keep up. In the life of the church, we are preparing our hearts and minds for the season of Lent. It seems as though we just packed away our Christmas decorations, but Ash Wednesday is right around the corner.

This year, we will again be offering Wednesday Evening Worship as a time to refocus our attention on the approaching cross. We will begin with a light supper of soup and bread (beginning at 5:45), followed by a short service beginning at 6:30. This year, we will be looking at the parable of the Good Samaritan as a vehicle for considering our call to care for one another. In an election year, it is more important than ever that we continue to listen to and seek to understand our neighbor.

Whether it is through our Lent services or not, I encourage you to make time in your schedule to reflect on meaning of Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's journey to the cross. Perhaps take up a Lenten discipline such as daily prayer or study, or commit to a fast of some type, such as giving up a food or something like social media. Sacrificial giving is also a discipline of Lent, one that encourages us to see all things as God's. Whatever you take on this season, I pray that you have a meaningful journey as we turn our attention to the cross.

Pastor Emily

Please see below for the full schedule of Lent and Holy Week services and times.

LENT SCHEDULE

Pastor Emily

Shrove Tuesday - February 13th

Join us for a pancake supper at 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday - February 14th

Worship with the imposition of ashes at 12:00 pm and
6:00 pm

Wednesdays -

(Mid-Week Lenten Meal and Worship)

February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th

A light meal will be served beginning at 5:45 pm with
Worship at 6:30 pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 24th at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday - March 28th at 6:00 pm

Good Friday - March 29th at 6:00 pm

Holy Saturday Activities - March 30th from 10-12pm

Easter Sunday - March 31st at 10:00 am

CDC

When the letter of the week is " **i** ", you make ice cream :)



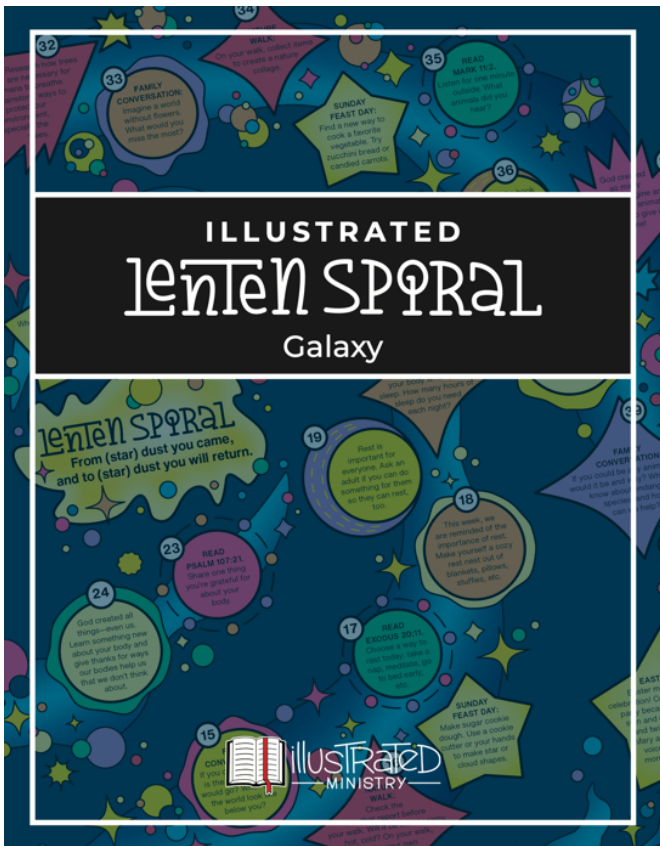
FAITH FORMATION CORNER

It is hard to believe it is already the month of February. February 14th is the start of the season of Lent, the 40 day journey to Easter Sunday.

This Lenten Spiral is a calendar that starts on Wednesday, February 14th, and ends 40 days later on Easter Sunday. This calendar was developed by Illustrated Ministry and has activities for you to do each day during your Lenten journey to include scripture-based reads, nature walks, and reflective activities, just to name a few. These are available in the narthex to pick up or can be emailed to you at youth@incarnationlutheran.com upon request.

Sunday, February 11th is Incarnation's annual Soup Cook-off! Bring your crock pot and an extension cord. Let's see who the next Golden Ladle Winner will be! Set-up will be before the 10 am service in the reception hall.

We had a wonderful time trying out Moctezumas Mexican Restaurant last month and looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, February 22nd. Please make sure you RSVP as we need to give the restaurant a headcount so they can prepare for a large party. If you don't receive the Evite that is sent out, please email Kimi.

The flyer has a light green background with a string of green triangular bunting at the top. In the center is a green Easter egg with white patterns. Below the egg, the text reads: "WHO'S WHO OUTSIDE THE PEWS", "HOLY GUACAMOLE!", "New Location" (in green, slanted text), "MOCTEZUMAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT", "402 BELTLINE BLVD.", and "FEB 22 | 6 PM - 8 PM". At the bottom, there is an "RSVP" icon and the text: "You should have received an Evite in your email. Email Kimi youth@incarnationlutheran.com with questions or if you would like to attend."

MUSIC CORNER

On Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm, there will be an organ recital at Christ Chapel at LTSS performed by Dr. Janette Fishell, professor of organ at Indiana University at Bloomington. Tickets are available at the door.

There will be a Lutheran community Morning Prayer Service at Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church in West Columbia on Saturday, February 3rd at 9am led by Dr. Michael Boney, Director of Music and Organist at St. John's Cathedral in Denver, Colorado. At 2:45pm there will be a community organ recital performed by 9 local organists, including Dr. Patrick Hawkins.

Join us February 10th at 7:00 PM for The Sandlappers Singers collaborative concert: "Voices in Harmony" at Incarnation Lutheran Church! Featuring She Sings, the Midlands Men's Chorus, and the AC Flora High School Choir. Tickets are \$15.

On Sunday, February 25th 4:00 pm we are hosting The Palmetto Chamber Orchestra. "VALENTINES FOREVER: DANCE IS IN THE AIR!" is a romantic journey through dance music of Arensky, J. Strauss (father and son), Bizet, Layadov, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and more. Tickets are \$15.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewarding your best year ever!



Jesus taught, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.” –Matthew 5:43-44

Red hearts, flowers and chocolates remind us that February is the uncontested month of love. It’s excellent (and easy) to love those close to us, but Jesus tells us to go wider, deeper, riskier – to love even our enemies. In so doing, Jesus says, we become children of God.

This challenges us to embrace love as the key discipline and develop a heart so full of love that it flows to even our enemies. Isn’t that how we’re supposed to live as disciples? It’s just good stewardship of our lives.

For this “month of love,” practice loving your enemies.

The effort is especially timely in our season of discord, when our loudest voices encourage us – through name-calling, denigrating, lying, smearing – to hate those with whom we disagree. Even calling them “enemies” is too much (they’re really neighbors!).

Loving our “enemies” doesn’t mean we agree with them or tolerate bad behavior. It means respecting, listening, discussing, refraining from anger and revenge. Jesus gives us the first step: Pray! For them and for you!

By embracing love as a spiritual discipline, we cultivate a heart of love that opens our lives to the transformation Jesus dearly desires for us -- to be children of God. Now that’s good stewardship.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9am - Sunday School 10am - Scout Sunday 11am - Executive Council 11am - W&M Meeting 11:30am - Confirmation	29 6pm - Troop 8	30 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8	31 11am - Kids Chapel in 11am - Wednesday Bible 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	1 6pm - Mary Martha 6:45pm - Sandlapper	2 7pm - Music - Sandlapper	3
11 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11am - Annual Meeting 11:30am - Confirmation	12 6pm - Troop 8	13 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8 6pm - Shrove Tuesday	14 11am - Kids Chapel in 11am - Wednesday Bible 6pm - Ash Wednesday 7pm - Chancel Choir	15 6:30pm - Council Meeting	16	17
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LITTLE FREE PANTRY

As colder weather approaches, please remember the Little Free Pantry. We refill the pantry twice a week. Our community seems to depend on our help to feed them. Please remember to bring some of the items listed below or donate specifically to the Little Free Pantry online or in your usual donation.

Items needed: Tuna Fish, Canned Meals like Chili, Beef Stew, Mac and Cheese, and Ravioli, Cereal - hot and cold, Fruit cups, Soup, Granola Bars, Fruit bars Crackers - plain and filled, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, Water, Toiletry items - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo (NO mouthwash,) Hand Wipes, Hand Sanitizers - small size.

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9 a.m.

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

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