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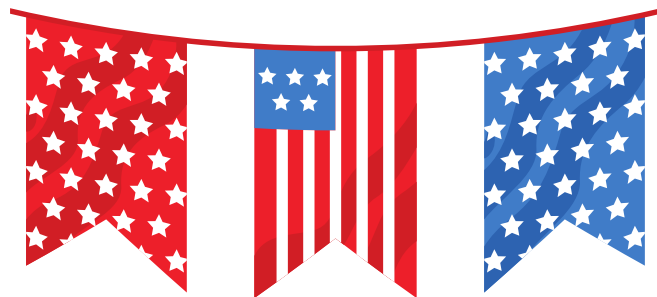
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Thank you to everyone who
contributed to Pews, Butts, and
Brews!



South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

I Love to Tell the STORY

South Carolina Synod Assembly 2022

For three days in June, representatives from across South Carolina gathered in Charleston to attend this year's Synod Assembly. This was the first in-person gathering we've held since the pandemic and it was so good to see friends and colleagues from across the state. Incarnation was represented by Linda Blazek, Mary Kehl, Rowan Willhide, Kimi Dail, and myself. It was a wonderful event and I thought I'd share a little bit about what we learned this year, as well as some of the stories we heard about our church and the remarkable things that God is doing through it.

The theme this year was "I Love to Tell the Story". Deacon Mitzie Schafer was our keynote speaker and encouraged us to think about the ways in which we tell the story of the church. Are we simply conveying information? Or are we inviting others in by telling them why it matters, who will be impacted, and where we believe God is moving us to be?

Throughout the Assembly, we heard incredible stories from around the church that modeled effective storytelling while revealing the abundant grace of God. From Pastor Chris Christopher we heard the story of Restoration Chapel, a program dedicated to helping those struggling with addiction. From Sydnie Taylor, the president of Lutheran Church Youth (LCY), we heard a story of radical welcome and how it has changed and influenced her life. From Pastor Susan Crowell we heard the story of Trinity Lutheran's journey to becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, and how that transformation embodied the gospel in their community. We heard from Lutheran Men in Mission, WELCA, Christ Mission, and Lutheran Services, and it was evident in each story that the Spirit has been active throughout the church in beautiful and varied ways. I encourage you to listen to these stories and others available by clicking on this link: [Ministry Stories](#) or by going to YouTube and searching "South Carolina Synod Assembly 2022 - Ministry Stories".

We were also blessed with an "official storyteller" this year. Pastor Mary Canniff-Kuhn joined us throughout Assembly to tell us children's stories that opened up scripture for us. The room, usually filled with the sounds of shuffling paper and whispers, fell silent when Pastor Mary began to speak. We hung on her every word, and by the end of the story, most of us had goosebumps.

What kind of story are we telling about Incarnation Lutheran Church? What kind of story are we telling about our faith? What kind of story are we telling about Jesus? That's what I've been thinking about since I came home from Assembly. I think we have a wonderful collection of stories here in our church home of Incarnation Lutheran Church. How are we sharing them?

Pastor Emily

MUSIC

Dr. Hawkins at Auer Recital Hall at
Indiana University



Holding a 1630 AD publication of the
English "Booke of Common Prayer"



Dear Incarnation Lutheran Church Family,
Sometimes, you just need your batteries recharged. I was so thankful to be able to attend the Sacred Music Intensive Week at Indiana University at Bloomington this June. Thirty-five professional church musicians were present for the session. During my time there, I had the opportunity to coach the complete organ chorales of Johannes Brahms with two of their organ professors, enjoyed daily instruction in service playing skills, observed choral conducting masterclasses and sang in daily choral rehearsals. The week concluded at beautiful Auer Recital Hall and I had the pleasure of performing one work by Brahms as well as accompanied the festival choir in an anthem by William Mathias. One of the highlights of the week for me was a visit to the Lilly Library to see first edition printings of the King James Bible, the Guttenberg Bible, and early publications by Martin Luther. In the photo you see me holding a rare early copy of the English Booke of Common Prayer.

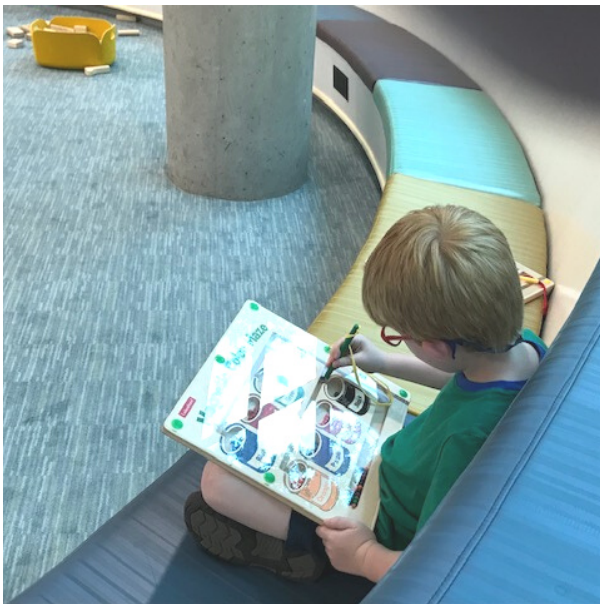
As a member of the staff, I can't express to you how important it is for members of our staff to be able to have educational time away for professional development throughout the year. These days of growth allow us to come back with fresh ideas to share in our ministries. Thank you for the future support of such opportunities.

Yours,
Dr. Patrick Hawkins
Director of Music and Organist

CDC

Summer Fun!

The school age children in our summer program (5K - 5th grade) had fun at the playground and splash pad at Saluda Shoals Park. We also had a blast at the downtown location of Richland County Public Library. We are blessed to have such wonderful venues to enjoy. Go check them out!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

It is hard to believe July is here! I hope everyone had a wonderful time at Pew, Butts, and Brews. Vacation Bible School week is quickly approaching. A lot of planning has gone into making this week fun for the kids. We could still use a few volunteers. Below you will find a wish list of items to help with the success of VBS.

The week before Vacation Bible School the youth (rising 6th-graduated seniors) have the opportunity to attend a week of service around the Columbia and Lexington area called GraceWorks. This year GraceWorks is housed at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. We will gather at Ebenezer each morning for worship and then go out into the surrounding community to serve. Registration is open! Please let me know if you have any questions about this week. This would be the perfect week to attend if you need community service hours for school. The flyer is below.

July means back-to-school is right around the corner. ILC Youth and Parents are invited to a Lunch and Plan on Sunday-July 31st. Please bring your calendars.

VBS WISH LIST

Snack Items:	Art and Crafts Items:
large bags of popped popcorn (3 bags)	Multi-colored Pipe Cleaners
Graham crackers	Washable Kids Paint (assorted colors)
Chocolate chips	Washable Watercolors (assorted colors)
Small marshmallows	Glue Sticks
Oranges	Assorted Color Construction Paper
Grapes	
Coconut Cookies	
Fruit Salad	
Pretzel sticks	
Plain M & Ms	
Small cinnamon raisin bagels	
Cream cheese	
Pita bread	
Hummus	
Small paper-plates	
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



Registration is open:

For children who have completed kindergarten thru 5th grade! Scan the QR code below!



* If you are registered for the ILC CDC Summer Program no need to register for VBS.

Email Kimi (faith@incarnationlutheran.com if you would like to help out!

Register by July 3rd



9th annual GraceWorks Youth Servant Camp here in the Midlands the week of July 11th-14th for rising 6th-12th grade.



Registration is open. Let Kimi know if you are interesting in attending. This week of service is the perfect opportunity to get in your service hours!

ILC Youth

LUNCH AND PLAN

Sun. July 31st at 12 pm

Youth (rising 6th -12th graders) and Parents are invited to join me for lunch to plan. Please bring your calendars

Email Kimi to let us know you will be attending at youth@incarnationlutheran.com

STEWARDSHIP

Be Stewards of our Elders' Wisdom



"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." -Exodus 20:12

This month as our culture celebrates the fourth of July, which was secured by our distant elders. God's people can make the occasions much more substantive than just parties, and picnics.

Instead, we can lift up the knowledge, wisdom and perspective that we possess from not only the mother and father figures in our own circles, but all the older men and women who have enriched our communities with their lives and experiences.

The wisdom of the past has helped people of every age to navigate the challenges of their times. Many communities in the world honor, respect, and value as "elders" their oldest members. It's something we surely can use in 21st century North America. Ours is a time of unprecedented change – both in the sweep of change and in the speed at which things are changing. Our older members can give us perspective and patience and wisdom. Here are some ideas:

- Engage elders about issues facing you, your congregation and community. Listen deeply. Take notes, after all, they have been there and got through it.
- Enter into their thought world: How do they frame issues? What are their underlying assumptions? What sources help inform and inspire them? You may be surprised by their wisdom.
- Compare their approaches to seeing the world and navigating challenges with your own. What is helpful? What can assist you?

Learning from our elder mother, father and member figures may be the best way to not only honor them, but also help us find our own way in life.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

The Little Food Pantry is providing for those in our community who experience homelessness and/or lack of funds for food. I personally have been told by individuals who have used our pantry how grateful they are for the assistance we give.

We need the following items:

1. Pop Top containers of individual servings of Ravioli, Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti/Any pasta in sauce, Chili, Tuna
2. Canned Protein/Meats - Chicken, Ham, Tuna, Salmon, Sausage
3. Canned fruit - pop top and individual plastic cups
4. Carbohydrates such as Cereal (small servings are best,) Granola Bars, Pasta, Rice, Oatmeal, Grits, Crackers
5. Peanut Butter
6. Feminine Paper Products (Tampons and Pads)
7. Toiletries - hotel size soap, lotion, shampoo

Items can be placed in the Gray Containers located inside near the office side door. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help. You are making a difference in the the lives of others.

Marcy Coster-Schulz
803-319-7873

JULY EVENTS

Graceworks: July 11-14 - Talk to Kimi Dail if interested in this service event! Participants will gain 20 hours of service. This event is for rising 7th graders and above.

VBS: July 18-22 (9 am - 12 pm). Vacation Bible School is free and open to all children ages 4 and up.

Bouncy House Party: July 21st (5 pm - 7 pm)

Holy Guacamole: July 28th at 6pm at Casa Linda

Religious Arts Festival: July 31st at 9:30 am at ILC



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY

JULY AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 Executive Council 8:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship	4 Office Closed	5 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	6 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	7	8	9
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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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