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

Incarnation Lutheran Church



PEWS, BUTTS, & BREWS!

Join us for some fellowship and fun!
 Pews and Butts will be provided. Bring Your
 Own Brews, a side dish, your favorite BBQ
 Sauce, and a swimsuit! We will have a bouncy
 waterslide and enough fun for the entire
 family!

Sunday, June 26th
 10:00 am - Pews • 11:30 am - Butts & Brews

A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

The summer is underway and we are so excited about the many events and celebrations that we have planned for the coming months. From fellowship events like Holy Guacamole and Pews, Butts, and Brews to faith formation events like Vacation Bible School and camp, summertime is a great time to reconnect with your church. Of course, we want you to come for worship and these wonderful events but I also want to encourage you to involve your church in your life this summer. If you have an idea for a great event (hello, Firefly baseball!), don't hesitate to get a group together. The church that plays together stays together.

In addition to all of the activities that we will be hosting here at the church, we will also be gearing up for Oktoberfest. I can't tell you how many folks have asked me if Incarnation is planning to host this tremendous community event again, but it is obvious that it has been sorely missed these past couple of years. This will be the 10th Oktoberfest we've hosted, and we hope that it will be a blowout celebration after our two year hiatus.

Beginning this summer, we will also welcome a new intern into our church. One of my favorite things about this church is its understanding of God's call to foster and nurture the next generation of pastors. Indeed, Incarnation has a long history of welcoming both field education students and interns into our midst. It can be hard on the intern and congregation alike to develop those relationships and then say goodbye in a year's time, just when we've finally gotten used to each other, but what a blessing it is to catch glimpses of the church's future in one another.

Some of you may already know Lorie Gladyness from her two semesters of field education that she completed with us in the 2020-2021 academic year. Regardless, I hope you have a chance to get to know her in the coming months. Please invite her to gatherings, have her in your home for coffee or conversation, and help her to get to know this church and its ministries. Of course, she won't be able to say yes to every invitation, but the invitations themselves will teach her something about our people and their ministries.

Happy Summer!

Pastor Emily



MUSIC

Center for Lifelong Learning Presents

The 2022 Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary Organ Concerts *Columbia, SC*



Peter Sykes
The Juilliard School

July 28, 7:30 pm

Christ Chapel
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
4201 N Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203



Eric Plutz
Princeton University

July 29, 7:30 pm

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201

\$10 adults / \$5 children



For ticket purchase or more information: email lifelonglearning@lr.edu or call 803-461-3237

CDC

Marvelous May!

Lots to celebrate with our 4's recognition, they are off to Kindergarten in the fall! Our tiny dancers had their recital and it was cuteness beyond imagination. Lastly, Georgette Flemming, our Byron Road CDC Assistant Director received her Associates Degree in Early Childhood from Midlands Technical College. Congrats to all!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

On Sunday, May 22nd we celebrated the milestone of high school graduation. What a way to celebrate these four by wrapping them in prayer and support with beautiful quilts made by the quilting group at Incarnation. We love you McNally, Katie, Grace, and Aidan! Know that your ILC family will be holding you in prayer.



Summer is here and school is out, but there are still many events happening here at Incarnation. Make sure you are watching our Facebook page, your email, and the bulletin announcement sheet for information on exciting events throughout the summer months.

On Saturday, June 4th we are gathering at the playground at Owens Field Play Park, beginning at 10:00 am. This event is not just for families with children, but all are invited. We will then walk over to Hunter Gatherer a little after 11 am for lunch. Hope to see you there!

Owens Field Play Park: 1351 Jim Hamilton Blvd, Columbia, SC 29205
Hunter-Gatherer Hangar: 1402 Jim Hamilton Blvd, Columbia, SC 29205

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

I know all of us here at ILC are looking forward to Sunday, June 26th for Pews, Butts, and Brews! This is going to be an event you do not want to miss. Invite friends, and those who you miss seeing in the pews at Incarnation! This event will be one that will hopefully repeat in the future!

Holy Guacamole is back! We will gather at Casa Linda on Thursday, June 23rd at 6 pm. Look for an Evite in your email to RSVP so we can tell Casa Linda how many we are expecting. If you do not receive these Evites and would like to be added to the list please email Kimi (faith@incarnationlutheran.com).

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it, and we are recruiting volunteers. This year VBS will be July 18th-22nd in the mornings from 9 am to 12 pm. We are looking for any who has time to spend with some wonderful kids helping lead games, crafts, retelling of Bible stories, and even some behind the scenes jobs. There will be ways to sign up to volunteer on Sunday mornings or you can always email Kimi.



**PASSPORT
to PEACE**
Vacation Bible School
July 18-22

We need Volunteers!

If you enjoy working with kids we need volunteers who enjoy:

- arts and crafts
- drama
- games
- music
- teaching Bible stories

and those who enjoy the "behind the scenes" work.

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



WHO'S WHO OUTSIDE THE PEWS

HOLY GUACAMOLE!

JOIN US AT CASA LINDA MEXICAN RESTAURANT
(2009 NORTH BELTLINE)
JUNE 23, 2022 | 6 PM- 8 PM

RSVP : You should have received an Evite in your email

VICAR LORIE GLADYNESS

Greetings Incarnation Lutheran Church,

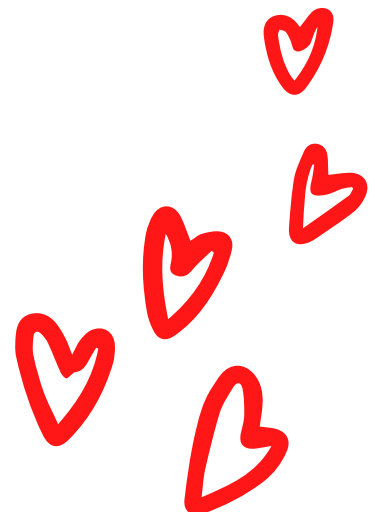
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share how excited I am to join in ministry as your intern this year. My time with you previously as a field education student was limited due to the pandemic, and I now look forward to engaging more with everyone. I look forward to our shared ministry, spreading the good news to our community.

A little about my background. I grew up in a small town in Michigan, located 30 minutes southeast of Grand Rapids, MI. We had 35 acres which we farmed and used for pasture, having cows and horses. I received my Associates Degree in English from Suomi College located in the upper peninsula of Michigan. I then went on to earn my Bachelor's Degree in Communication from Aquinas College, in Grand Rapids, MI. While in the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod, I received a lay ministry certification and became a trained spiritual director. I retired from a public utility after 29 years of service. I am currently in my last year at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and fulfilling the call I heard when I was eighteen.

One thing I can guarantee is if we ever talk about Michigan, I will pull both my hands up to show a map of Michigan. We are known as the mitten state. As much as I may talk of Michigan, I have grown very fond of South Carolina. The deciduous trees, flowering shrubs, flower bulbs/rhizomes and tropical palms have been a joy. I have loved that there is something flowering all year long. Not to mention the warmer winters.

I look forward to meeting each of you and am grateful that you have welcomed me to spend the next year with you.

Blessings,
Vicar Lorie Gladyness



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of our Leisure Time



"So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun." - Ecclesiastes 8:15

Busyness keeps us from living with joy and peace in today's 24/7 world, but Scripture reminds us that this is hardly new. Ecclesiastes was written some 2,500 years ago! Ecclesiastes does not give license for mindless pleasure-seeking, but rather affirms that our hard work should be balanced with time for relaxation and enjoyment with friends and family. Saints and mystics have long touted the need for rest and renewal. In the monastic tradition it's referred to as *otium sanctum* – Holy Leisure. Not just wasting our free time but using it for renewal. As steward/disciples, we aim to use our leisure time wisely. Here are some ideas:

Keep the Sabbath: God actually commands us to stop working one day per week, as Exodus 20:8-11 makes clear. But there is no prohibition against leisure. (Why else would God give us a day off?)

Plan your vacation: Even if you're taking a STAYcation, plan your time for maximum rest and enjoyment.

Manage your schedule: Are you a slave to your appointment book, driven by other people's priorities? Put yourself first – scheduling in time for leisure. Even if it's just 30 minutes here and there!

Find an activity you like: What do you do just for you? Discover – or REdiscover – what brings you joy, then make time to do it.

Socialize: Friends and family make life enjoyable. Spend time with them.

Invest, don't waste, time: Many activities pass the time but don't give back much in renewal or refreshment. Choose activities wisely.

God expects us to work, but not work ourselves to death. Sabbath and leisure time provide means for us to find balance in our life, as well as friendship, love, renewal and purpose.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

JUNE AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>5 Executive Council 8:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship</p>	<p>6 6:00 pm - Troop 8</p>	<p>7 Council Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12</p>	<p>1 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 11:30 Bible Study:</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00 Owens Field Playpark 11:00 Hunter Gatherer</p>
<p>12 Synod Assembly 8:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship</p>	<p>13 Synod Assembly 6:00 pm - Troop 8</p>	<p>14 Synod Assembly 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8</p>	<p>15 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12</p>	<p>16 Holy Guacamole 6:00 pm Casa Linda</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm - Troop 8</p>	<p>21 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8</p>	<p>22 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:30 am - Worship 9:15 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship PEWS, BUTTS, AND BREWS</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm - Troop 8</p>	<p>28 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		

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

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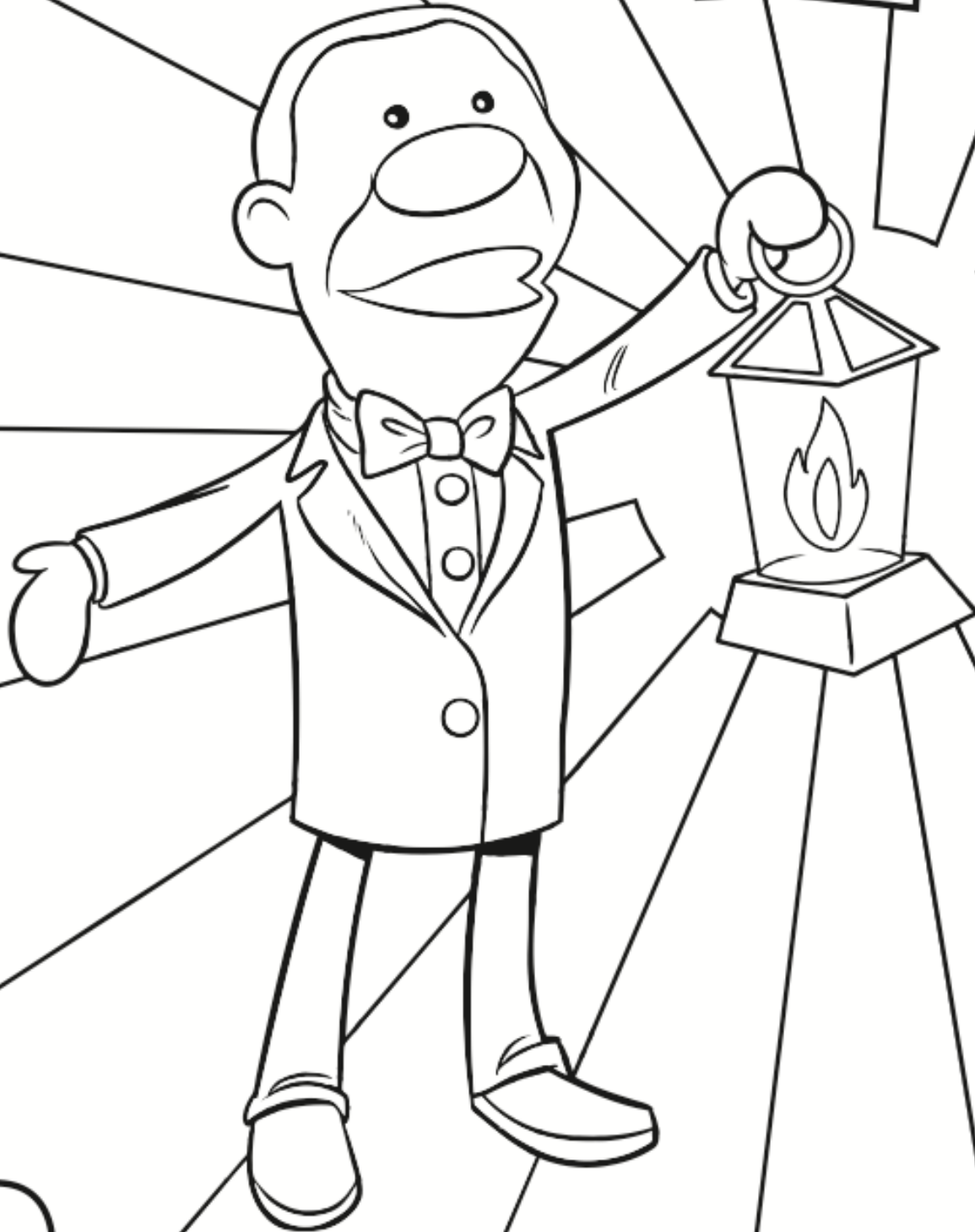
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"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

