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2ND ANNUAL PEWS, BUTTS, & BREWS!

Sunday, June 25th

10:00 am - Pews • 11:30 am - Butts & Brews

Join us for some fellowship and fun!
 Pews and Butts will be provided. Bring
 Your Own Brews, a side dish, and your
 favorite BBQ Sauce. Wear causal clothes
 to church and come ready to spend time
 together with family and friends!



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 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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JUNE PRAYER RESOURCES

For What Shall We Pray?

“For What Shall We Pray?” is a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA and includes prayer prompts, upcoming events and observances.

Prayer prompts:

- For victims of recent gun violence, especially in Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Arizona, Washington, New Mexico, California, Georgia, and Washington D.C....
- For victims of the apartment building collapse in Davenport, Iowa...
- For renewed humility and cooperation among government leaders and across political parties...
- For protection for all people facing threats of violence, abuse, and harassment, especially marginalized communities...
- For peace among nations, especially between Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, and Serbia/Kosovo, Syria, Israel, Palestine...
- For nations in leadership transition and nations finishing elections, including Turkey, Nigeria, Spain, and Alberta, Canada...
- For the ELCA and all leaders, congregations, and members who gather for Synod Assemblies this season...
- For safety and joy at upcoming Pride celebrations across the nation...

Resources for responding to gun violence and national distress:

A prayer for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit (ELW pg. 86)

God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the public church (ACS pg. 47)

Mighty and merciful God, lover of justice and equity, you call us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace, so that all may be reconciled in your beloved community; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CDC

May in Motion!



In May our CDC teachers took CPR classes and we celebrated them with a teacher appreciation week, we celebrated our 4's Graduation, and found time for fun and popsicles!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

June is here and that means it is summer. There are many things to look forward to at Incarnation during the summertime! Holy Guacamole will be Thursday, June 22nd, and will continue every fourth Thursday of the month.

June is also the month to prepare for Vacation Bible School! VBS will be July 17th - 21st. To make VBS a success, many volunteers are needed. This year's theme is Stellar, and it is going to be out of this world!

Stellar is all about learning how to share your light with others. Registration for both participants and for volunteers is open. If you have any questions, please contact Kimi (youth@incarnationlutheran.com).

Incarnation Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School

STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

July 17-21
9am to 12pm

Scan to Volunteer



Scan to Register

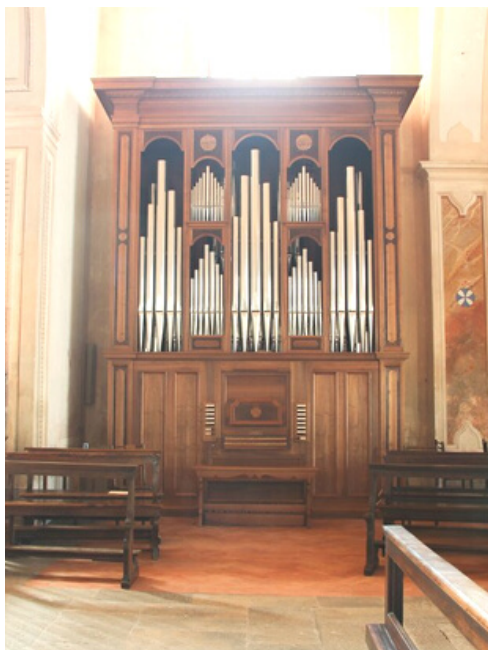


MUSIC

As your music director, I am very thankful that Incarnation Lutheran Church supports time away each year for continuing educational opportunities. This year I am delighted to announce that I was selected as one of ten international organists invited to be a part of the Accademia d'Organo della Valcuvia in the Lombardy region of Italy, just north of Milan. What is the academy, you may wonder?

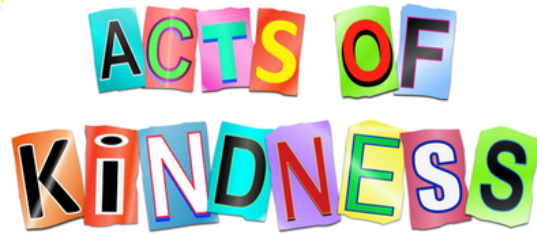
The Project: The Valcuvia houses a unique and ancient reality: the [Mascioni](#) Organs factory, founded in 1829 and still active today. In recent years some ancient instruments have been restored by the Mascioni firm (Orino, Castello Cabiaglio, Brinzio) and in 2016 a new pipe organ was built by them in the precious monumental complex of the Convento of Azzio, a seventeenth-century church of great beauty and with extraordinary acoustics. The project aims to create a summer organ academy that attracts a group of organists from all over Europe (and the world) to Italy for a week in early September to study with internationally renowned teachers Italian organ music of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the music of J.S. Bach, and organ improvisation. At the conclusion of the week the participants will perform three public recitals in the Valcuvia region and in Milan.

Some of the instruments I will be playing:



STEWARDSHIP

Develop a heart of generosity



*Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
- Acts 20:35*

A friend who regularly volunteers to serve meals to the needy illustrates the truth behind Jesus' teaching.

"It's so rewarding to help," she says, explaining that the time and hard work is worth it. "I think get more out of it than they do."

When we give generously, it is often we who are blessed. But more than just enjoying a pleasant emotion, the act of giving truly blesses us by shaping our personalities and developing our character. That's a truth affirmed by research. (Check out "The Science of Generosity" white paper from the University of California at Berkeley, or The Science of Generosity Initiative at Notre Dame University!)

Generous people tend to be the kind of good folk we want as friends and neighbors. And they frequently are generous not only with their money but also their time, their love and their very selves. In other words, they are not merely generous, they are generous-hearted.

Anyone can develop a generous heart, or a more generous heart. Begin by deepening your relationship with God by seeking guidance and wisdom in daily prayer. Then simply begin to pour yourself out for the sake of others, giving generously as a spiritual exercise and discipline.

Here are four ideas that won't cost you a dime

Give a smile. Smile at everyone you see. You may be surprised at how it changes your mood.

Give a nice thought. Say something nice to everyone – family and friends, coworkers, parishioners, store clerks, folks in an elevator.

Give a courtesy. Hold a door open for the person behind you; at the grocery, let someone with just one or two items go ahead of you; stop for pedestrians.

Give your time. Find ways to serve people face-to-face: tutor schoolchildren, serve community meals, visit your church's shut-ins, teach ESL, volunteer at a homeless shelter.

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. When we give our time, talents and possessions, God blesses us by developing in us a generous heart.

JUNE AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1			1	2	3 Fellowship Event / Play Date 9:00 am - Owens Field
4 10:00 Worship	5 9:30 am - Tiny Dancers 6:00 pm - Troop 8	6 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 6:00 pm - Pack 8 6:30 pm - Council	7 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	8 Synod Assembly 6:00 pm Mary Martha	9 Synod Assembly	10 Synod Assembly 8:30 am - 11:00 am Congregational Workday
11 10:00 Worship	12 9:30 am - Tiny Dancers Dance Recital 6:00 pm - Troop 8	13 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 6:00 pm - Pack 8	14 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	15 10:00 am CDC 4's Recognition 5:30 Confirmation Class	16	17
18 10:00 Worship	19 Office Closed 6:00 pm - Troop 8	20 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 6:00 pm - Pack 8	21 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	22 6:00 pm Holy Guacamole	23	24
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Summer 2023:

Quilting Group - Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
 Mary Martha - Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm
 Holy Guacamole - Every Fourth Thursday at 6:00 pm

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

As Summer 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

Thank you, Marcy Coster-Schulz

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

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

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