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We will be offering a communion class on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm for those who are interested in learning more about this central practice in our faith. Parents and children will gather together to learn of Christ's invitation to the table through crafts, activities, and scripture.



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Romans 12:2

It's that time of year again: The school year has started and we are marking the start of a new year of faith formation at Incarnation. We look forward to sharing this time of spiritual and intellectual rekindling of our faith as a church, and hope that each of you has found a place to "plug-in" in your journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

We have several offerings this year, some that are resuming after the summer break and some that we have not offered for the past several years. Our Wednesday Bible study will begin on Wednesday, September 14th at 11am. In the past, this class has studied the lectionary, individual books of the Bible, and topical subjects. This year we're beginning with a six week course on the Psalms.

In addition to our Wednesday Bible study, this year we will be offering a Sunday morning class at 9am, beginning on September 11th. This Pastor's Forum class will engage in a variety of topics, and will be visitor friendly. While we will begin with a lectionary study, I'd like this class to be flexible and to draw from the group's areas of interest.

Our Confirmation class will also begin in mid-September. This class is open to rising 6th and 7th graders. This year we will be studying the Bible, and exploring how our story fits into the larger story of God's work in the world.

Plans are also underway to offer a weekly faith formation experience for our children and youth, and we will continue to look for days/times that work for our busy calendars. To begin, we are offering a one-day communion class in September that is for any child who would like to learn more about this sacrament. This class will be appropriate for both children who are already communing, as well as for those who would like to begin.

Please join us as we live into our baptismal calling to be engaged in the Word of God, to fellowship together, and to learn from one another.

Pastor Emily

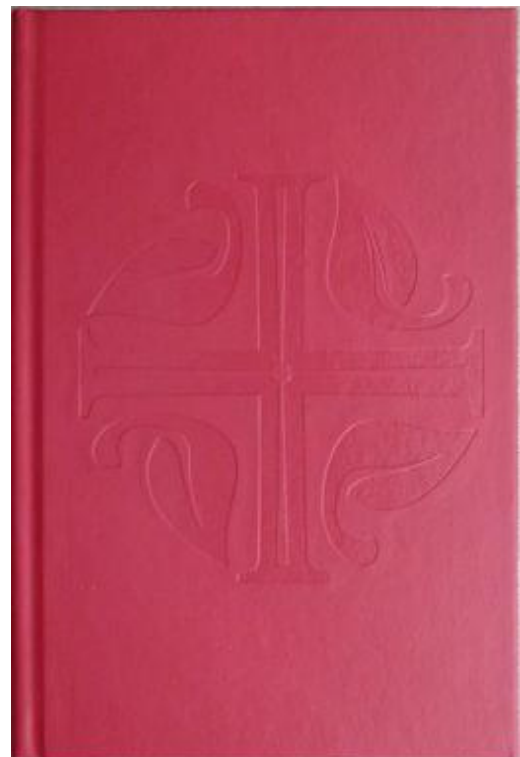
MUSIC

Dear ILC Friends,

I, for one, am so excited to welcome back the choirs from their summer break. If you would be interested in joining either the adult choir or the handbell choir, then please do reach out to me. Adult choir will rehearse normally from 6:00-7:30 PM on Wednesdays and the Incarnation Ringers will practice following the 10:00 AM service for an hour.

This September we will return to singing Setting One in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal*. I thought some of you might be interested in a bit of history about the ELW in comparison to the older Lutheran Book of Worship (the green) hymnal. The former LBW contained four Settings of music for the worship service (three plus an optional choral setting). When the newer ELW was published in October of 2006 - Yes, sixteen years ago!- there were several changes for congregations. Specifically, the ELW has ten settings of the liturgy as well as optional pieces of service music in the first section of the hymns. Not every congregation will know and regularly sing all ten settings. That said, during my time here at Incarnation Lutheran we have sung eight of them at one time or another. Give yourselves a big pat on the back for that accomplishment! During the 2022-23 year, I would like to challenge us to start learning Setting Nine, which is one that we haven't spent much time singing these past few years. As our choir gets back into their schedule and becomes comfortable singing this music, we will gradually start introducing bits of it during the coming months. Please, never fear! We will always rotate through the various settings so you will get your favorite one sometime in the coming year.

Yours,
Dr. Patrick Hawkins
Director of Music and Organist



CDC

Children Learn Through Their Play

Don't underestimate the value of play. Children learn and develop:

cognitive skills – like math and problem solving in a pretend grocery store

physical abilities – like balancing blocks and running on the playground

new vocabulary – like the words they need to play with toy dinosaurs

social skills – like playing together in a pretend car wash

literacy skills – like creating a menu for a pretend restaurant

Play is healthy.

Play helps children grow strong and healthy. It also counteracts obesity issues facing many children today.

Play reduces stress.

Play helps your children grow emotionally. It is joyful and provides an outlet for anxiety and stress.

Play is more than meets the eye.

Play is simple and complex. There are many types of play: symbolic, sociodramatic, functional, and games with rules--to name just a few.

Researchers study play's many aspects: how children learn through play, how outdoor play impacts children's health, the effects of screen time on play, to the need for recess in the school day.



VICAR LORIE GLADYNESS

Hello my beloved Incarnation Lutheran Church. You will not see me as much the next three months as I focus on finishing my classes for my degree. I will try to be at worship and social events as I am able. I will be back December 1st to share in the Advent and Christmas services. Until then may the Peace of God be upon you!

Vicar Lorie Gladyness



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

This year at our Back-To-School Sunday Service, we blessed 25 backpacks for our kids here at ILC. In addition, another 50 were blessed and given to the children of our CDCs. We hope everyone has had a smooth transition getting back into the groove of school. With a new school year and a new routine, back to church and Sunday School seemed to go along.

Although we aren't able to offer Children's Sunday School yet, we now have an opening each Sunday from 9 am to 9:45 am where we hope to offer one. To have a children's Sunday School class we will need volunteers during this time. If you are interested in helping teach the Children's Sunday School class as part of a teacher rotation, please reach out to Kimi at (faith@incarnationlutheran.com).

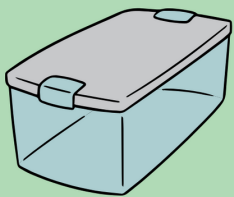
Starting Sunday, September 11th, the Youth of ILC will gather in the Youth Room during the Sunday School time for a devotional and hangout time.

It has been amazing to see the incredible turn out for Holy Guacamole! The next one is Thursday, September 22 starting at 6 pm at Casa Linda on Beltline Lane Blvd. Hope to see you there!

October seems far off, but it will be here before we know it! On Sunday, October 30th after the 10 am service we will have our second annual Trunk or Treat. There will be much more information to come, but for now, if you would like to decorate your trunk and pass out candy, please let Kimi know! It will be such a fun afternoon!

Do you have

Any plastic storage containers laying around your house empty that are in good and clean condition?



The Youth Room could use a few large (18 gal) and small (6 Quart) containers to use for storage and organizing craft supplies.

Contact Kimi if you have any questions



Calling ALL Youth! (6th grade-12th grade)

Meet Kimi in the Youth Room from
9 am to 9:45 am on Sunday-September 11th



OKTOBERFEST

It's Oktoberfest time again! We are a month away from our huge festival!

What is it?

Three-day festival serving authentic German food, beer and entertainment serving over 7000 people throughout the weekend. Completely put on by the members of the church and friends. No vendors – we do it all! Lots of help needed!

How does it work?

Hundreds of volunteer hours result in **“By the Numbers, 2019 Edition”**

- 7200 Meals sold
- 8900 Beer sales
- 5000 pastries

From the profits, we returned

- \$9000 to the church sanctuary renovation fund,
- \$5200 to the church,
- \$5200 to the church Youth for Youth Gathering,
- \$5200 to Lutheran Services Carolinas and
- \$1500 to Troop 8 for their tremendous volunteer effort

This effort is massive and requires lots and lots of volunteers. Here are some opportunities for you to plug in:

- October 1 – empty the food truck, organize the ‘pantry’
- October 2-6 – cooking, setting up
- October 5 – set up Wednesday evening. Taco bar at 5:30
- October 6 – continue set up
- Okt 7-9 – festival – 11a-10p Friday & Saturday, noon-6pm Sunday
- October 9 – festival worship under the big tent with the oompah band
- October 10 – clean up
- October 16 – storage unit trip

Immediate needs:

- Sign up for shifts online for the festival
- Donate snacks for volunteers
- Coordinate Clean up Monday, Oct 10 (it's a Holiday – are you off?)
- Be the contact for Transitions and Harvest Hope – coordinate pickup or delivery of leftovers
- Be the cook tent point person Friday 8am-5pm
- Invite your friends to come and to volunteer!

Finally, the best part -- worship outside Sunday at 10am under the tents, accompanied by the Mountaintop Polka Band. Encourage friends to come as well!

Our mission is to show God's love for all through hospitality, and to promote the well-being of Incarnation Lutheran Church and the larger community through responsible leadership and fun, hard work. If you would like to volunteer for Oktoberfest, please use the link below.

<http://www.oktoberfestcolumbia.com/volunteer.html>

Prost, y'all!

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is about good priorities



Jesus taught, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” -Luke 12:32

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Prioritization is important because it helps you to give your attention to tasks that are important. Setting priorities is necessary in order to complete everything that needs to be done and to grow in awareness and that bring us closer to God.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use our gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God’s benefit, but for ours. How else can we do that without knowing where we should invest ourselves and our time to be sure we are in sync with God’s purposes. Prioritization makes it easier for us.

The more we align our lives with God’s purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using your gifts? Talk it over with your pastor, partner or friend. Ask God to give you insight and guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it’s so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God’s purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy!

LUTHEROCK

Ski Season Starts!



The Lutherock Ski Season lodging has increased substantially over the past few years.

We are reaching out to past groups first to give folks the chance to book their spot.

Please honor this opportunity with a timely response before we open this opportunity to the public. Lodging for winter ski groups helps to support our overall mission here at Lutherock. We look forward to seeing you here this winter!

Lodging Available:

- The Crow's Nest: 15 Rooms- 28 Guest
- Founders' Lodge: 48+ Guest (must have a commitment of 5 groups by October)
- Moretz Lodge: 36+ Guest
- Cabins: Beech & Hemlock: 1-6 Guest



UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					2 CDC First Aid - Reception Hall 8:30 - 12:30	3
4 Executive Council 9:15 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Worship & Music	5 Office Closed 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	7 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 - 7:30	8 6 pm Mary Martha Meeting	9 9 am Baking	10 9 am Baking
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SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

September 5th - Labor Day, Office Closed

September 7th - 6:00 pm Choir Practice - Resuming

September 8th - 6:00 pm Mary Martha

September 9th & 10th - 9:00 am Baking

September 11th - 9:00 am Pastor's Forum Sunday School Starts

September 12th - Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

September 18th - Confirmation Class after Worship

September 22nd - Holy Guacamole at Casa Linda at 6:00 pm

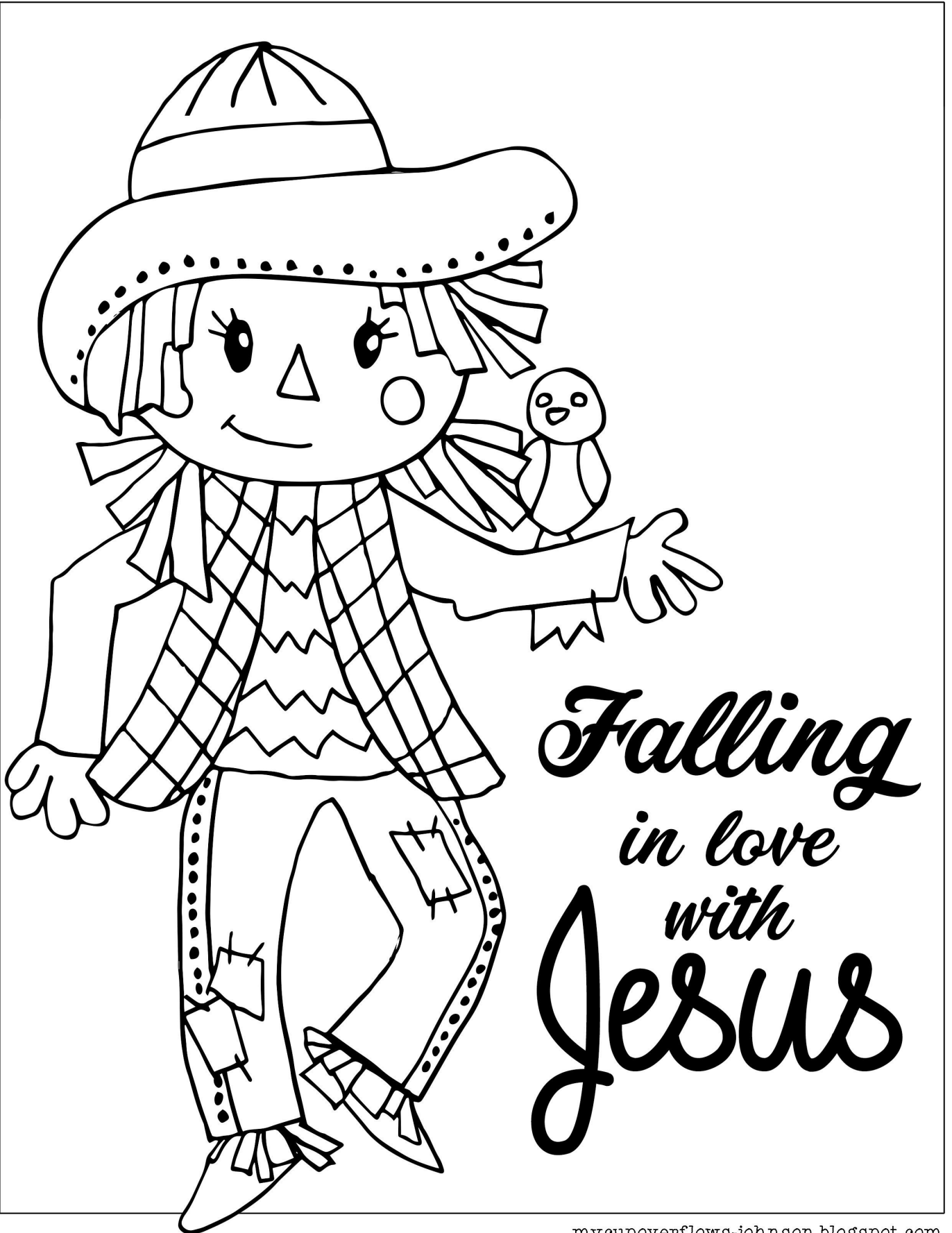
September 24th - Communion Class from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Little Free Pantry *Needed*

1. Pop Top single entrée servings (Ravioli, Mac and Cheese, etc.)
2. Canned Protein/Meats
3. Canned fruit
4. Carbohydrates such as Cereal (small servings are best,) Granola Bars, Pasta, Rice, Oatmeal, Grits, Crackers
5. Peanut Butter
6. Feminine Paper Products
7. Toiletries





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GET IN TOUCH

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Worship: Sundays at 8:30 am and 10 a.m.

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

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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