



# THE CONTACT

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## BACK TO THE BASICS!

After a fun summer, lots of things will be resuming at ILC during the fall!

Restarting Sunday, September 10th:  
Children and Adult Sunday School at 9:00 am  
Confirmation Class at 11:30 am

Restarting Wednesday, September 13th:  
Wednesday Bible Study at 11:30 am  
Handbell Choir Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm  
Chancel Choir Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm



# PASTOR EMILY

Summer is in our rearview mirror, and I hope that it was a good one for you and your loved ones. Ours was filled with travel, friends, family, and relaxation, and now we're looking forward to our Fall schedule here at Incarnation. I hope you are, too!

Here's what's coming up at ILC:

## Faith Formation

- **Sunday School** for all ages begins September 10th
  - **Children** will be meeting in the CDC building from 9-9:45am to learn about Jesus and make crafts.
  - **Adults** will be meeting in the conference room next to the sanctuary at 9am to begin watching and discussing the Netflix show, "The Chosen".
- **Wednesday Bible Study** will meet beginning on September 13th in the fellowship hall at 11:30 to begin a study on the parables of Jesus.

## Fellowship

- **Pop-Up Potluck** will be this Sunday, September 3rd after worship. ILC will provide the pulled pork and we invite you to bring a side or dessert to share.
- **Playdate at the Park** will be on Saturday, September 9th at Owen's Field Play Park from 9-11am. Bring a friend! We'll provide the popsicles!
- **Holy Guacamole** is on Thursday, September 28th at 6:00 pm at Casa Linda.

## Community Outreach/Action

- Our **Little Free Pantry** continues to see heavy use. THANK YOU! to everyone who donates shelf-stable goods to that ministry. We so appreciate you!
- **Gift Cards for Christmas:** Every year we collect gift cards to Walmart, Target, and Food Lion to help families in need during the holiday season.
- **MORE Justice** seeks to work with local government to address needs in the city. Please see the article in this issue of the Contact for information regarding our first meeting of the year.
- **Oktoberfest:** Please sign up for a shift for O-fest this year. This is such a great community building event!

## Celebrations!

- We celebrated the baptism of McCoy Fryar Hedlund on August 27th and we look forward to celebrating the baptism of Thomas Russell Rushe on September 10th.
- We give thanks to God for a successful start of the school year.
- Thanks to the team who has created our new magnetic chalkboards in the hallway!

# WELCOMING SEMINARIAN ELIZABETH SHEEDY

Hello! My name is Elizabeth, Beth, Sheedy, and I am very excited to get to know your congregation. I have recently moved to Columbia from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I graduated from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Social Work. I have started my course work at LTSS this fall semester. I look forward to all the opportunities your church will provide me throughout my education. Thank you all for opening up your arms and welcoming me into your church family.





# CDC

*Fall birthdays mean Cocky!*





# FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Saturday, September 9th we will have a Playdate at the Park. Come to the Owen's Field Playground from 9:00 am to 11:00 am to play and enjoy a popsicle or two.

Children's Sunday School will restart on Sunday September 10th. Sunday School will meet in the CDC building from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Please note the new time.

Confirmation Class will restart on Sunday, September 10th following our 10:30 am service.

Holy Guacamole will be Thursday, September 28th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Casa Linda on Beltline Blvd. This is a such a wonderful time rich with fellowship! Hope you can join us.

Youth of ILC (Grades 6th-12th) Parents: Please make sure you are watching your email with updates of events and news about 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

**INCARNATION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FALL EVENTS**

**SEP 9** PLAY DATE AT OWENS  
FIELD PLAYGROUD  
**9 AM - 11 AM**

**SEP 10** SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART  
**9 AM TO 9:45 AM**

**OCT 14** PLAYDATE AT OWENS FIELD  
PLAYGROUND  
**9 AM - 11 AM**

**OCT 20-22** OKTOBERFEST AT ILC  
**ALL WEEKEND**

**OCT 29** TRUNK-AND-TREAT  
**11:30 ISH**

CONTACT KIMI FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
YOUTH@INCARNATIONLUTHERAN.COM

# MUSIC

## Welcome back choirs!

Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir resume on Wednesday, September 13th!

Handbell Choir: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



We are still looking an additional paid section leader if you know anyone who is interested, please let us know.

Dr. Patrick Hawkins

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3005 DEVINE STREET  
COLUMBIA, SC 29205

Seeking a soprano section leader  
for our 2023-2024 season

One weekly rehearsal on  
Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm

One Sunday service. Call at  
9:15AM and worship at 10 AM

**\$85 per week**

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# STEWARDSHIP

## *Stewardship of our intelligence and gifts*

*Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.*—**Proverbs 9:9**

This month millions of children, youth and adults are back in the classroom for another year of education. At K-12 schools, trade academies, colleges and universities they're training their brains for higher thinking, deepening their knowledge and learning new skills. These students are not merely drawing on their God-given intelligence and potential, they're actually developing them. What great stewardship of life gifts! What about the rest of us, we who have ended our formal education? The sad truth is that many of us stop actively learning new things. It's unfortunate, too, because the amazing brains and bodies God has given us have virtually unlimited capacity for learning, growing and developing.

No, we all can't be a Stephen Hawking, Meryl Streep or Michael Jordan, but we can always sharpen our brainpower, express ourselves in the arts and develop our motor skills. In the process, we enrich and expand our lives, and that can lead to greater fulfillment, confidence and opportunity to grow into the fullness that God designs for us.

### **Here are some ideas:**

**Read.** Whether it's biographies, who-done-its, sci-fi, poetry, literature or history, reading not only teaches us things, but it also exercises our brainpower. Start with a commitment to read a book (or two) a month.

**Take a class.** Many community centers, churches, libraries and senior citizen centers offer enrichment classes in a variety of topics. Learn photography, or conversational Spanish, or quilting. Go deeper: Your local community college may let you "audit" a class for an affordable fee.

**Listen or watch.** Delve into subjects that interest you by listening to podcasts or watching YouTube videos. Some colleges offer entire lecture series free via podcast or video.

**Attend a lecture.** Authors, poets, politicians, scientists and entertainers often give public talks at colleges, town halls and other venues.

**Write a poem.** Or paint a picture, or take a photograph, or pick up a musical instrument. The arts provide a wonderful outlet for our creative selves.

**As we watch our children, youth and adults go back to school, let's join them in a commitment to developing the intelligence, skills and abilities that God has given us. It's good stewardship of our lives.**



# STEWARDSHIP

## *Tower of Towels*

During September, we are asking for donations of new bath towels we can gift to the Mental Illness Recovery Center. MIRCI has been working in Columbia for 60 years to help persons with mental illness get off the street and become functioning adults.

They have group homes for youth where they help them to get GEDs or complete their education, then help them to enroll in technical college or find jobs. They have purchased several apartment complexes and homes where the adults they are working with may live. Those adults with or without jobs are moved into partially furnished apartments at low or no rent to encourage them to reach as much independence as possible.

They start by providing a safe place for homeless people to shower each day and wash their clothes. Hopefully they can be encouraged to trust them enough to enter the program. These towels take a beating being used and washed daily so as “God’s Work, Our Hands”, we want to gather as many new towels as possible to help them with their endeavor.

**How high a tower of towels can we make?**



# OKTOBERFEST!

*Less than two months away!*

## **Volunteer:**

Please see the link or scan the QR code below to volunteer for Oktoberfest as you are able. We appreciate your help! If you are on Facebook or Instagram, we have posted this if you are willing to share with others who may be interested. Thank you!

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/213077078096/false#/invitation>



## **Oktoberfest Meetings:**

Thurs. Sep. 7th at 6:00 pm  
Thurs. Sep. 28th at 6:00 pm  
Thurs. Oct. 5th at 6:00 pm

## **Baking:**

Fri. Sept. 1st, 9:00: - 12:00 pm: mix Pflaumenkuchen (plum tart) and apple torte dough  
Sat. Sept. 9th, 9:00: - 1:00 pm OR 12:00 -3:00 pm: mix and bake 28 recipes for 50 half apple cakes and 4 Bundt cakes  
Sat. Sept. 16th, 9:00: - 1:00 pm: mix and bake 18 whole apple cakes. Bake during week at home 12 apple tortes.  
Sat. Oct. 14th 9:00 - 12:00 pm: Work Day: set up Conference room with tables, lifts and racks.

Please RSVP for any of the above dates and times you can help to:  
Sue DeMichael – [sdemichael6137@gmail.com](mailto:sdemichael6137@gmail.com) or 803-318-8299

Assemble baked goods in downstairs conference room for O'Fest sales:

Oct. 17th: Anytime between 12 pm to 6 pm

Oct. 18th: Anytime between 12 pm and 6 pm

Oct. 19th: Anytime between 12 pm thru evening Mary Martha Circle Meeting

# MORE JUSTICE

*Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God - Micah 6-8*

You may recall hearing about MORE JUSTICE earlier this year. Several of you attended the MORE JUSTICE - Nehemiah Action Meeting in the Spring. It is time to begin the 2023-2024 MORE JUSTICE Year.

MORE JUSTICE is a non-partisan organization composed of 27 religiously, racially, and economically diverse congregations who pledge to work together to research and conduct public education and direct action to address the root causes of injustice through the empowerment of marginalized people.

During this Fall, Incarnation Lutheran Church invites you to participate in the annual Listening Process. The Listening Process is the first step in the MORE JUSTICE program and where we will discuss community problems that concern you.

The Listening Process will take place in small group meetings. Our meetings will be as follows:

September 12 at 6PM - home of Marcy Coster-Schulz and Richard Schulz  
2930 Wilmot Ave Columbia SC

October 1 at 2PM - Incarnation Lutheran Church

MORE JUSTICE can provide you with an opportunity to address serious community-wide problems. Through listening and identifying local problems and researching best practices, we can use our power of people to gain commitments from local public officials to implement change. Please consider participating in a Listening Process meeting.





SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Worship 11am - "Pop-Up Potluck" 11am - Executive Council 11am - Worship and	28 <b>Labor Day - Office Closed</b>	29 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8	30 11am - Kids Chapel in	31 6pm - Oktoberfest	1 9am - Oktoberfest Baking	2 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 9am - Playdate at Owens
3 10am - Worship 11am - "Pop-Up Potluck" 11am - Executive Council 11am - Worship and	4 <b>Labor Day - Office Closed</b>	5 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8	6 11am - Kids Chapel in	7 6pm - Oktoberfest	8 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 9am - Playdate at Owens	9 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 9am - Playdate at Owens
10 <b>Rushie Baptism</b> 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation	11 7pm - Scouts New Parent	12 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Council Meeting 6pm - MORE Justice 6pm - Pack 8	13 11am - Kids Chapel in 11:30am - Wednesday 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	14 6pm - Mary Martha	15 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 3pm - Snyder: Fellowship	16 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 3pm - Snyder: Fellowship
17 <b>Gods Work Our Hands</b> 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation 2pm - Die Lustigen	18 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8	19 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8	20 11am - Kids Chapel in 11:30am - Wednesday 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	21 6pm - Mary Martha	22 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 3pm - Snyder: Fellowship	23 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 3pm - Snyder: Fellowship
24 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11:30am - Confirmation	25 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8	26 9am - Staff Meeting 10am - Quilting Group 3:45pm - Kid's Chapel in 6pm - Pack 8	27 11am - Kids Chapel in 11:30am - Wednesday 6pm - Handbell Choir 7pm - Chancel Choir	28 6pm - Holy Guacamole at 6pm - Oktoberfest	29 9am - Oktoberfest Baking	30 9am - Oktoberfest Baking 9am - Playdate at Owens

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY

We have been filling in for Marcy while she is on vacation and have found that even though we stock twice a week, the pantry is almost empty by the time we restock. The items we have found to be the most popular are items that are in individual servings, such as fruit cups and small servings of meats, including chicken and tuna varieties in paper packing. Also popular are small cans with tops that pop off – Vienna sausages, SpaghettiOs, and lasagna. These are good for people who don't have the ability to cook. For families with the ability to cook, individual oatmeal, peanut butter, individual mac & cheese and canned vegetables and fruit are popular. Breakfast bars and peanut butter crackers are also popular. If you order take-out and are given sealed plastic dinnerware, please consider putting these in the pantry.

Thank you for your donations!

-Connie and Dick Hinson

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

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