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SLIDE INTO THE SCHOOL YEAR



Blessing of the Backpacks on August 8th:
Bring your backpack to church to be blessed.

Please refer to page 6 to see what events we have in store for our children going back to school in August. We pray for a safe and healthy school year!



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. – Psalm 90:12

Several times this week, I had the disorienting experience of having a conversation about “last year”, only to discover that we were actually talking about 2019, two years ago. It’s almost as if our minds have catalogued 2020 as its own timeline, quite apart and separate from “normal” time. No doubt, it was an odd year. It seemed to pass, at least for me, in fits and starts, dragging one month and flying by the next. I do wonder how this experience has changed us all, young and old alike. We certainly came face to face with our mortality.

In my devotional reading, I recently encountered Psalm 90. This psalm reflects on the fleeting nature of human life, especially when compared to the endlessness of God. “For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.”

It is a good reminder that what seems endless to us is hardly that to God. Whether that is a time of pain or a time of joy, to God’s eyes it is only a blink. I suppose that could seem disheartening to us; a suggestion that we could not possibly hold much interest for an infinite God. And yet, God takes the time to dwell with us, to build relationship with us, and ultimately to enter our reality as Jesus Christ.

That God finds value in our short existence is a wonder to me. It’s also a reminder that we should find value in every moment of this gift of life. Whether they are challenging, joyous, small or life-changing, each day is a gift of God. The psalmist’s prayer is one we should pray as well: Lord, teach us to value our days, to derive from them every drop of love and knowledge of you, and may they teach us to be compassionate and wise.

The psalm ends on an undeniable note of hope: “Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!”

Even in the sometimes chaotic world, God endures. And not only does God endure, but we have hope that God will prosper the work of our hands so that they endure, too. We pray that God will bless our works as they go out into the world, and that even our small wisdoms and small acts can somehow be made to make a difference when God is involved. Thanks be to God for God’s faithfulness and love!

Pastor Emily

STEWARSHIP

As we continue to grow spiritually and learn together how we can best fulfill our mission in Christ, please note that August 1st officially kicks off our 2021 Stewardship season.

Look for related communications, temple talks, and Facebook links describing what Stewardship means to us, including a few personal accounts about how some church families prefer to give back with their time, talent, and resources.

Note also that the church has a number of key projects in the works, for which funding will be needed and progress will be tracked to share with you on a regular basis.

Lastly, we look forward to hosting you for a special mid September lunch & learn session (in the works), to discuss coming events and other Incarnation needs. Good Lord willing, you can all attend and enjoy the great food, conversation, and Christian fellowship, we have missed so much in recent times.

Blessings & Thanks,
From the Stewardship Committee.

MUSIC

The turnout for both our Organ Dedication Recitals was great. Thank you to all who came! If you were unable to make it, feel free to watch the link below. Thank you for your support.

Organ Recital, Dr. Patrick Hawkins, July 25th, 2021:

<https://fb.watch/v/168GBiIVj/>

Left: Dr. Janette Fishell with the student performers and their teachers at the AGO masterclass held on July 10th at ILC.

Right: Dr. Patrick Hawkins playing at his dedicatory organ recital.



CDC

Preparing for takeoff into the 2021 school year!



Our school age summer program enjoyed their visit to the Challenger Learning Center located adjacent to W.A. Perry Middle School. It is an aerospace themed educational program designed to provide interactive learning experiences. This hands - on exploration provided an exciting component to our visit. The pictures show our students utilizing the flight simulators as well as learning about the courageous flight team of the ill fated Challenger Space Shuttle.

CDC



Our Child Development Centers are hiring full-time and part-time caregivers for our preschool and school age programs. We also are in need of several part-time bus drivers. We offer flexible scheduling, benefits, and a friendly work environment! Interested, let's chat. Please call Teresa Boykin @ 803.422.1905 or email cdc@incarnationlutheran.com

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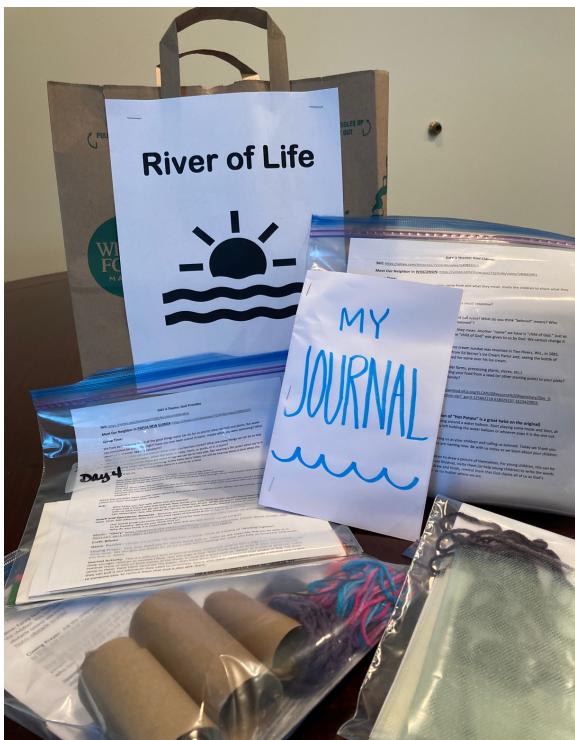
BACKYARD *Bouncy House* *+ Waterslide*

Inviting all families at Incarnation!

Join us on Wednesday, August 11th between 5:00 - 7:00 pm for a backyard bouncy house and waterslide. Bring your dinner and come slide with us! Popsicles and water bottles provided.



FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP



In July the Faith Formation team hosted a Picnic at the Park. We had a great turnout from both the church and our two Child Development Centers. It was wonderful to see all of those families connecting while their kids enjoyed playtime and popsicles.

Also, in July, the at-home VBS kits were delivered to the families of Incarnation. These kits came with lesson plans and craft supplies and invited our families to engage in some faith building fun at their own pace.

Looking Ahead:

Blessing of the Backpacks on August 8th: Bring your backpack to church to be blessed or let us know that you'll be blessing your backpack with us on the livestream and we'll mail you your backpack cross.

Backyard Bouncy House and Waterslide on August 11 from 5-7pm: Bring your dinner and come slide with us! Popsicles and water bottles provided.

National Youth Gathering: It's time to start organizing! Add the Youth Gathering to your calendars for July 24th-July 28th, 2022, and let Pastor Emily know if you're interested in attending. We will have our first informational session on August 29th, after worship, where we will gather your contact information and discuss first steps. Please plan on attending!



COVID-19 UPDATES FOR WORSHIP

ILC COVID Protocols for Worship

May 2, 2021

A task force of church staff and members started meeting early in the pandemic to determine best practices for reopening. We have refined these guidelines to meet the updated medical information available now, one year into the pandemic. At this time, the buildings are open for use. We will continue to update and modify our protocols based on recommendations from the CDC. Here are the current guidelines to follow:

- Anyone experiencing or exhibiting Covid-like symptoms should stay home.
- Church will provide hand sanitizer, available around the sanctuary. Attendees are encouraged to take advantage
- Masks must be worn while inside.
- Single use paper and communion materials are required.
- Social distance best practices strongly encouraged -- no shaking hands, no hugging, stay 6' away from all but your own family.
- Sit 6' away from other family pods
- Minimal singing, and only with all wearing masks
- When weather permits, open windows to increase ventilation.

Safety Precautions

- CDC handwashing guidelines will be posted in bathrooms
- Facilities will be cleaned thoroughly on a regular basis
- Hand sanitizer will be provided

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

August Challenge



Homecoming Date Rescheduled: Sunday, October 17, 2021!

Save the Date!

Our pandemic-delayed Homecoming, which will now be held
Sunday, October 17, 2021

Please reach out to Shirley Lindler (sjltalks@bellsouth.net) and Beverly Crider (bmcridersc@gmail.com) to give them addresses (both physical and email) of those who have moved away so that we may invite them.

The August 100th Anniversary Challenge!

We are focusing each month on a different “challenge” in honor of our 100th anniversary.

August is back to school month – in person!

We are collecting 100 school supply items for backpacks to give to students at Hand Middle School and Epworth who need them.

We can use notebook paper, new pencils, notebooks, folders, etc. See the full list in the weekly bulletins and in social media!

Please bring your items to the church office – thank you!

Coming Events:

We have had marvelous events in June and July: Jessica Skinner Darty and Mary Anderson as guest preachers and organ recitals to dedicate our new instrument by Janette Fishell and Patrick Hawkins. Here are upcoming events this month!

- August 8: Rev. Dr. Jim Parham, former pastor of Incarnation
- August 29: Pastor Ron Feltman, son of the congregation preaching, Macie Meredith Boyd, daughter of the congregation, assisting

QUILTING GROUP



The **Incarnation Quilting Group** is happy to announce that they were finally able to distribute all the finished quilts displayed on the pews last year, before Covid closed everything down. The donation of those quilts was a priority in order to get them out to people who could use them. The quilts were given locally to Transitions Homeless Shelter, West Oak Nursing Home, CM Tucker Veterans Home, and a local Women's Shelter. The women now are back to eagerly and industriously creating a new round of quilts.

CRAFTING GROUP

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
CRAFTING GROUP

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4TH
AT 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH
AT 10:30 AM

COME JOIN US!

LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ATTENDEES.

BAKING

From the Oktoberfest Committee

Baking Schedule 2021 (4)

**Effective 6/4/2021 but could change again!

- Fri. June 11 9-12 mix Vanillekipferl (crescents) – roll some mixtures in the afternoon
Sat. June 12 9-12, 12-3 roll and bake Vanillekipferl (crescents)
- Fri. June 25 9-1:00 mix glazed lemon cookies – measure and roll some balls in afternoon
Sat. June 26 9-2 roll balls and bake and ice
- Fri. July 2 9-12 mix, Linzer cookies, roll through the week
Sat. July 10 9-1:00 roll and bake Linzer cookies
- Fri. July 23 9-12 mix Lebkuchen – prepare pans and place dough in pans, bake 8 pans
Sat. July 24 9-12 prepare Lebkuchen pans, bake, ice, cool and cut
Finish cutting and wrapping after Church on Sunday if necessary
- Fri. Aug 13 9-12 mix Nussecken – line, spray, and place dough in pans, bake 5 pans
Sat. Aug 14 9-11 Cut, wrap and freeze
- Fri. Sept. 3* 9-12 mix Pflaumenkuchen (plum tart) and apple torte dough
- Fri. Sept. 10* 9-1:00 prepare Pflaumenkuchen (plum tarts) and bake
*Depends on availability of plums
- Sat. Sept. 11 9-12, 12-3 bake 22 whole apple cakes
Bake during week at home 12 apple tortes.
- Sat. Sept. 18 9-12, 12-3 bake 30 recipes for 60 half apple cakes; may bake some on Friday(?)
- Sat. Sept. 25 9-1:00 Bake remaining chocolate/cherry/Liqueur cakes if needed.

Sat. Oct. 2 Work Day/Clean up tables and racks from garage; set up Conference room with tables, lifts and racks.

Please sign up in the ed. building hallway or RSVP for any of the above dates and times to:
Sue DeMichael – sdemichael6137@gmail.com or 803-318-8299

Assemble baked goods for O'Fest sales:

Oct. 5, Anytime between 12 noon to 6 pm

Oct. 6, Anytime between 12noon and 6 pm

Oct. 7, Anytime between 12 noon thru evening Mary Martha Circle Meeting

AUGUST AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Worship & Music after Service
2	3 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting	4 6:30 pm - Crafting Group: Fellowship Hall	5	6	7 10:30 am - Crafting Group: Fellowship Hall	8 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Blessing of the Backpacks Guest Preacher - Rev. Dr. Jim Parham
9	10 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	11 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 Backyard Bouncy House	12 4:30 pm - 100th Anniversary Meeting via Zoom	13 Baking	14 Baking	15 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship
16	17 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	18 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	19	20 Baking	21	22 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship
23	24 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	25 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	26	27	28	29 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Guest Preacher - Pastor Ron Feltman with Macie Boyd
30	31					8/29 Continued - National Youth Gathering Information Meeting after Service

GET IN TOUCH

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

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

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