

JANUARY 2022

MAY ALL THE BLESSINGS
..... OF THE LORD
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE
IN THE *New Year.*

ISAIAH 43:19

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.HAPPY.
New Year

2022



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God's work. Our hands.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." -Luke 4:18-19

The Christmas rush is over. The cookies and sweets have been consumed, the wrapping paper tossed into the recycling bin, and the malls are busy with returns and exchanges. Decorations will start coming down in the next few days, and the post-holiday malaise will infect our communities. *But not the church.*

While none of us are completely inoculated against the inevitable let-down after a big celebration, our focus has begun to shift toward what it means that Christ has come into the world. Over the next few weeks we will hear the stories and accounts that begin to fill in a broader picture of who this Jesus character is and why we should care that once upon a time a star shone to herald his birth.

We will hear about his baptism, his first miracle, and his first foray into proclaiming God's kingdom. Our excitement over a tiny child, bedded down in a manger, will be transformed into the deeper joy of witnessing the full flowering of God's plan for the world.

Of course, we will struggle to understand. We will hear Jesus' words proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor, and we will wonder if that proclamation applies to this year, too. After all, this all happened so long ago. The world is a much different place now. It is a scary, fractured, and hurting place. The world seems focused on terror, instead of peace, persecution instead of tolerance, and captivity instead of freedom. Could the Lord really favor this coming year?

These words of Jesus, quoted from Isaiah, are perhaps more relevant than ever. If we were not hurting, if we were not fractured, if we were not broken and lost in sin, then perhaps there would be no need for that Bethlehem birth. But we are, and God knows it. We, too, need to hear Jesus' words and promises and know that they are for us, today.

May God bless you this Epiphany!

Pastor Emily

MUSIC

Composer Spotlight

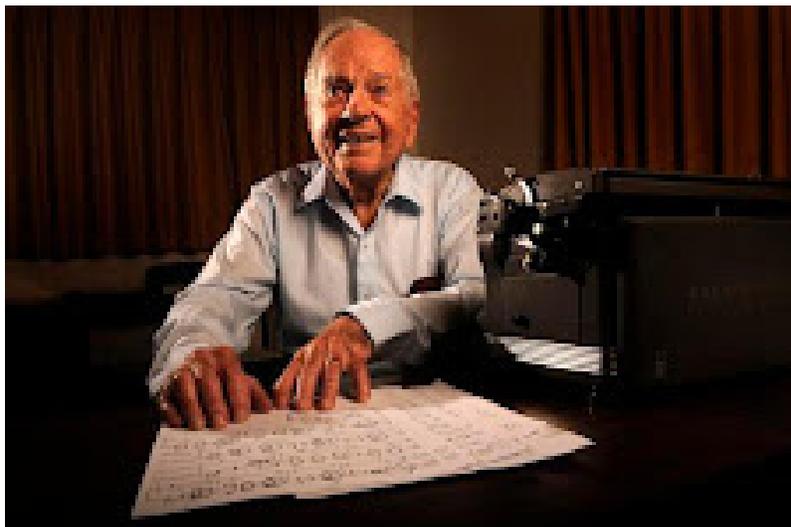
Starting this 2022, I would love to provide a "spotlight" on at least one composer whose music will be heard during a worship service during the month. This January at the service of the Epiphany / Baptism of Christ, the choir at Incarnation Lutheran will perform a fitting anthem entitled "The Baptism of Christ" by a composer who was born right here in the Carolinas, Austin Lovelace. The following information is taken from one of his publishers, ECS.

- Dr. Patrick Hawkins

Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010) was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina in 1919. He received his A.B. from High Point College in 1939 and his M.S.M. and D.S.M. from the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1941 and 1950, respectively. He was Past President and a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Lovelace was Minister of Music Emeritus at Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado. He worked at a number of Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska and North Carolina, and at three seminaries: Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Iliff School of Theology in Denver. Dr. Lovelace also worked as a consultant and lecturer, and appeared as a Director of Music for general conferences.

In 1954, he served as the organist for the Assembly of the World Council of Churches. More than eight hundred of his compositions for church have been published. Dr. Lovelace was also well known as a writer, having produced books and many articles on church hymnody.



CDC

A traditional nativity scene vs. what CDC kids all want to do.... LOL!



COUNCIL UPDATES:

2022 council officers are:

Pres: Kimberly Yerrick
VP: Carrie Wood
Sec: Elizabeth McKenna
Treas: Ed Skinner
Financial Sec: Randy Yaussy

COUNCIL COVID UPDATES:

At our last council meeting, Council voted to approve changes to our worship with regards to our Covid protocols. Starting Sunday, November 28th, we will now offer both in your seat communion (like we've been doing it) as well as the opportunity to come down front to take communion by station, using a pouring chalice and individual cups. Gloves, masks, spacing will be used. We will also once again begin passing the offering plate.

FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study:

Wednesday Noon Bible Study is weekly in the Fellowship Hall.



Sunday Shorts:

Every Sunday, join us on Facebook for some faith fun. The Incarnation Facebook page will post a short video featuring a story from scripture and a craft or activity to go with it. Watch the video, make the craft, and post a picture of your creation in the comments!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our New Partners in Ministry!

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed a number of people into the fellowship of Incarnation Lutheran Church. On November 21st, we welcomed ten individuals:

Katherine Pridgen Ballentine
Mark Jackson Ballentine
Michael Wells Ballentine
Martha Ballentine Engle
Wells Fulmer Engle

Marcy Coster-Schulz
Jennie Temple
Dana Temple
Emmie Temple
Earl (Buddy) Wilkes, Jr.

And beginning on November 28th, we welcomed twenty-one individuals from Christ the King Lutheran Church, who have transferred their membership here:

Dianne Barbee
Susan Bennett
Mark Buchan
Nancy Buchan
Athena Christensen
Gordon Holscher
Pat Holscher
Billy Wannamaker
Jane Wannamaker
Pamela Williams
Fred Hunt
Barry Kemp

Bill Lamb
Christel Lamb
Hal Maragh
Mary Nettles
Alfred (Buddy) Pedersen
Josie Pedersen
Andrew Seebauer
Stefanie Seebauer
Sandra Vassallo

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest partners in faith here at Incarnation Lutheran Church.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

JANUARY AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Executive Council 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am- Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice Worship & Music - 12:00 pm	3 6:00 pm - Troop 8	4 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8	5 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 12:00 Bible Study: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Choir Practice	6	7	8
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(10 a.m. Worship is also live streamed on Facebook.)

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