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THE CONTACT

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DISTANCED DONUTS

Make sure to join us for "Distanced Donuts" after Sunday Worship (weather permitting). If you would like to supply donuts, please contact Savannah at youth@incarnationlutheran.com



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God's work. Our hands.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

This is a month of transition.

Our kids are in their last days of school, finishing projects, writing papers, getting ready for finals, and longing for the first day of summer break. Our seniors feel this transitional time even more acutely, aware that this is the last time they will go to these classes, in these buildings, with these friends. Everything changes next year.

Our weather is definitely in transition. Some days it can't seem to decide if it's destined to be a cool spring day or a broiling summer one. Some days we get both, with forty degree temperature swings.

The church is also in transition as we move from the proclamation of Easter, of hearing those stories of a wounded, and yet somehow living, Christ, to the so-called Ordinary Time of the church year. You know what I'm talking about. Just like the long growing season in the south, we will be in the green season for this next little piece of forever.

I have on occasion heard this liturgical season called the Time of the Church, and, truly, I like this nomenclature quite a bit better than Ordinary Time (or worse, the Time After Pentecost). It seems to me to better capture what this time actually represents for a faithful body of Christ seeking to live out and live into that Easter message that we celebrate and proclaim for fifty days. Of course, every Sunday is a "little resurrection celebration", but we also move beyond the static celebration of "Alleluia, he is risen", to the practical question of, "Now what?"

This is the season in which we focus on those scripture stories that begin to answer that question of purpose in the life of a disciple. We learn what it means to live as a follower of Jesus, as someone who seeks and strives to know God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is the season when we hear stories of healing, teaching, and speaking on behalf of the voiceless.

This is the season in which we study what it means to work in and for the kingdom of God.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia. He has drawn the whole church into himself: raising, redeeming, and resurrecting our relationship with God. He has taken away the fear of the tomb and given each of us new life. Now let's go and do something with it.

STEWARDSHIP

Council President: Kim Yerrick

God has called everyone to do ministry. Not just pastors. My father always said “ if you want to belong to any community you must contribute in order to assure it’s success.”

I must confess, I avoided “getting involved” for 3 years after joining Incarnation, other than serving beer at Oktoberfest, until Leslie Skinner asked me to do altar flowers. I considered my talent and time: I love doing flower arrangements and I can work at my own schedule. So I started serving my church with the ministry of altar flowers. That led me to also serve on Altar Guild and now, after considering my time, I also decided to serve on Council. My only regret now is that I waited to be asked.

Volunteering at something you like to do is a win-win for you and our church! Also, since becoming a volunteer, I have met wonderful new friends and I have personally grown in my faith. So take a moment and ask yourself, “How can I contribute to my church?”.

Two considerations, time & talent. Lets start with the easy one, talent.Sometimes you don’t know your best talent until you try! It’s OK to try it out and see if it fits. Nobody wants to do something they don’t enjoy. Next is time. With our busy lives, this is a tough one. Start with something that will fit in your schedule or a one time commitment. Also, if you are asked to help with something you are not interested in, just say “NO” and do not feel guilty about it!

The easiest way to contribute to Incarnation is to show up and support the activities ILC offers. Activities are posted in our weekly emails and on our church calendar. Most of our programs are offered September - May. We take the summer off. Other ideas include:

- Share what is going on at our church on Facebook, Twitter, and with your friends.
- Send in an article about a ministry you may be doing with another group or on your own to our monthly newsletter, the Contact.
- Volunteer to help during Sunday worship or come 1/2 hr. before the worship service and be a greeter. If you are new, It is a great way to meet people.
- Pick a date on the flower calendar and donate Altar Flowers for \$15.00. There is a calendar in the hall or just call the office.
- The Music ministry is a great choice, sing in the choir or play in the bell choir. They usually practice on Wednesday evenings.

MUSIC

Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Organist

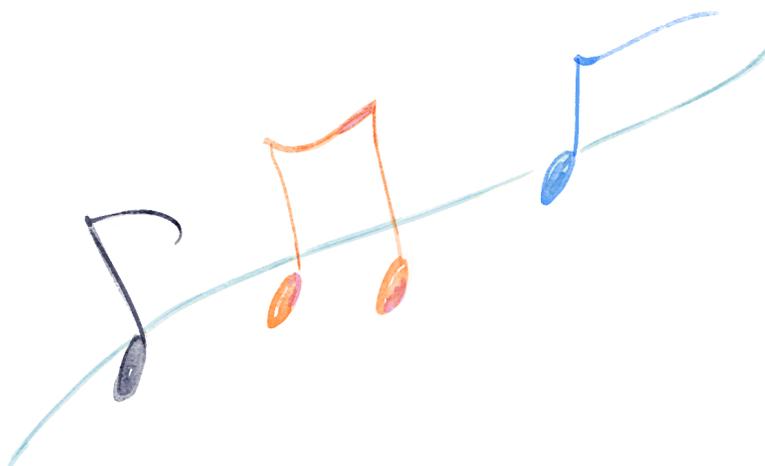
Dear ILC Friends,

As the Director of the Music Ministry, I would love to know how many of our church members (adults and children) play musical instruments. How many of you play the guitar? How are your piano skills? Do we have any brass, string, woodwind, or percussionists in our midst?

The first reason for the question is because the staff would love to find ways to help weave any of your musical skills into the worship service(s) at Incarnation. There are a number of ways that other instruments can be used in Taize, Folk or non-traditional, and even Jazz settings of the liturgy.

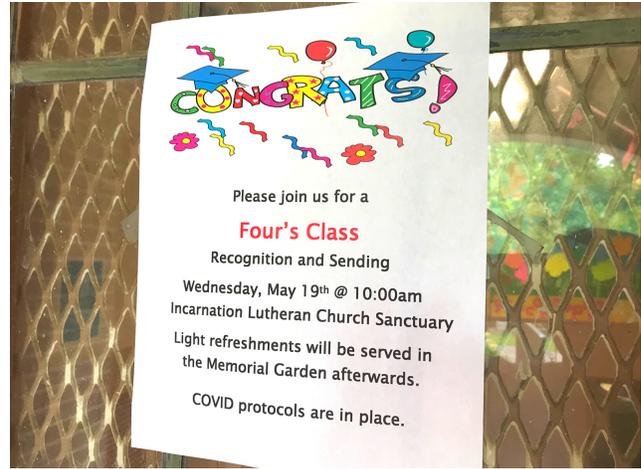
The second reason for the question is to determine if I can be a help to you continuing your musical studies. As always, if I can help in any way, then please do let me know. We are quite fortunate in Columbia to have a large School of Music at USC, there is an active local chamber orchestra comprised of "non-professional" musicians, and there are numerous choral organizations in town for those who want to sing in large ensembles. So, if you have a talent and want to keep up with your musical skills. then do reach out and let me know. It would be my pleasure to help provide any direction for your continued life-long enjoyment of music.

Yours,
Dr. Patrick Hawkins
Director of Music and Organist



CDC

Congratulations to our 4's class!



Our 4's class celebrated their Blessing and Sending on May 19th. Their families gathered in our memorial Garden for refreshments. Thank you Mrs. Terry and Ms. Kiara for a wonderful year. We also had our ballet recital the following Saturday, May 22nd. The Aladdin themed dance featured the most delightful tiny dancers in the Midlands. Many thanks to Lace Up Studios for a fun event.

CDC

Farewell Mr. Jim!



Mr. Jim Allen, our Incarnation Lutheran Child Development Center Czar of Transportation, is retiring. This is Jim's second retirement. His first retirement was from Westinghouse in 2011. He joined us shortly thereafter. Jim has kept us safe on and off the road for the last ten years. He has made sure our fleet of 4 buses are serviced regularly, clean and orderly and are well maintained.

Jim's love of our program and its children has taken him on the road for many adventures. Everywhere from regular pickups at local elementary schools to field trips to the farms, Isle of Palms, Discovery Place Charlotte and more. He has always been ready to take us on the road!

Thank you Mr. Jim for getting us to and fro, training new drivers, keeping our buses in great operating order and keeping us safe! We will miss your quick wit and infectious smile. Here's hoping you and wife Esther are able to get back to cruising the high seas soon. Enjoy your retirement!

FAITH FORMATION

Wrapping up the school year!

I don't know about you all but towards the end of every school year, there is one bible verse that comes up a lot. *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* - Jeremiah 29:11. This is an awesome verse for those graduating or maybe even people who are moving schools. Sometimes when taking a new step, we can get a little nervous. Jeremiah wasn't too much older than most of you when he was called by God to be a prophet, he was around 24 years old. Jeremiah had different issues that he was nervous about, but the same message rings true. God has a plan for us, one that will be good and not cause us harm. However, Jeremiah does not mention anything about the bumps in the road we may meet. We are not sure what the entire plan is but each step we take gets us further down that road. With each new step we take there is a chance for bumps in the road to come up, that is why it is important to read the context in which the verse is placed.

"12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13 When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, 14 I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile." - Jeremiah 29:12-14.

The Jewish people go through radical cycles of being close to God and then falling away from God. That why God had prophets like Jeremiah so that the Jewish people could know what God was telling them. Even when we hit bumps in God's plan for us, we are still on the path he has put in place for us. God will bring us back from those bumps in the road. As we head into new schools and new grades, we might hit bumps, but God's got us and God has a plan for each of us.

Savannah Edis

FAITH FORMATION

Kidz Korner

Summer is finally here! School is finished and we have an entire summer full of activities ahead of us. One of my favorite parts of summer is spending time with loved ones. The timing is perfect to spend time in community with one another. One of my favorite ways to spend time with family is when we are cooking or creating new recipes. Summer is also a great time to learn fun recipes! Here is one awesome recipe you can make at home with your parents and it makes the perfect summer snack!

Muddy Buddies

- 9 Cups Chex Cereal (your choice)
- 1 Cup Chocolate Chips
- 1/2 Cup Peanut Butter
- 1/4 Cup Butter
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla
- 2 Cups Powdered Sugar

1. Add the Chex cereal to a large mixing bowl.
2. In a separate, smaller bowl, add the chocolate chips, peanut butter, and butter.
3. Place the bowl in the microwave and cook for 1 minute and stir.
4. Continue to cook in 30 second increments until the mixture is completely melted. Stir in the vanilla.
5. Pour melted chocolate over the cereal.
6. Use a spatula to gently stir until all of the Chex are coated.
7. Add the powdered sugar to a gallon size ziplock bag.
8. Scoop in the chocolate cereal mixture.
9. Seal the bag and shake to coat.
10. Pour dessert over wax paper to cool, store in a sealed container for up to five days.



REOPENING TASK FORCE

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

REOPENING TASK FORCE

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- Anyone experiencing or exhibiting Covid-like symptoms should stay home.
- Adults present are responsible for ensuring compliance
- Ensure that meetings held inside church buildings can accommodate family pods at six-foot distances. For planning purposes, each room will hold approximately the following numbers of people. Please do not exceed the number needed to ensure this protocol is met -- the number will vary by each room.
 - CDC Second Floor -- 45
 - Reception Hall -- 30
 - Conference Room -- 6
 - Kitchen -- 3
 - Up, In and Out Room -- 10
 - Parlor -- 8
- Utilize hand sanitizer, which is available in every room
- Masks must be worn while inside.
- Discourage the use of materials that must be handled by multiple people not in the same household.
- Social distance best practices strongly encouraged -- no shaking hands, no hugging, stay 6' away from all but your own family.
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100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

June Challenge

June 100th Anniversary Challenge

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

In June, in honor of Father’s Day, we are showing appreciation for all fathers.

We are collecting 100 items consisting of toiletries or gifts for Oliver Gospel Mission. Please collect travel size deodorant, disposable razors, band-aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, liquid hand soap/sanitizer, and/or gift cards to Dollar General, Dollar Tree or for a hair cut - it will make someone’s day brighter! Bring your contributions to the church office.



Check out the historical banners posted outdoors on the iron fence in front of the CDC building, featuring the 1920s, 1930s and 1940’s.

Throughout the year, each decade will follow!

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

1940's Fun Facts

INCARNATION AT 100

Each month of the 100th anniversary year, Contact will feature "Fun Facts" about the history of Incarnation. This month features fun facts from the 1940s.

The Years of World War II: 1941-1945

Incarnation began the 1940s worshipping in the little stone sanctuary, built in 1928. The original wooden sanctuary now served as a "Parish Hall," providing Sunday School space for youth and children. Adults held Sunday School classes in the sanctuary.



Palmer Pierce, pastor of ILC from 1939-1941

Popular pastor Palmer Pierce received a one-year leave of absence to serve as a military chaplain in early 1941. Little did either he or the congregation know that it would become a permanent "leave" after Pearl Harbor on December 7th.

Pastor George Elias Meetze was called in June 1942 at a salary of \$2000 a year, plus \$200 for housing and \$10 for gas and oil. He would remain Incarnation's pastor for over thirty years.

In July 1942, the Council purchased two tons of coal for heating the church and planned to get more as soon as they could see "how much the bin will hold."

The church took out "War Risk Insurance" in September 1942 of \$20,000.

Pastor Meetze wrote monthly newsletters to Incarnation's men in service during the war, keeping them up to date on each other and on the home front.



George Meetze, pastor of ILC from 1942-1974, with Patty Suber



Incarnation's veterans, pictured in the sanctuary on their return at War's end. Five members were killed in the conflict.

War hysteria and discrimination against Asians and Asian Americans led to the threatened internment of Incarnation charter member, Mitsuo Tokunaga. Reportedly, it was the actions of Pastor Meetze and the Church Council which prevented this from happening.

The Ladies Auxiliary worked hundreds of hours at the Red Cross during the War.

The sanctuary was open all day for prayer and evening worship on "Invasion Day," June 6, 1944.

Easter services in 1945 were a marathon, lasting from a 7:00 am Sunrise Service through an 8:00 pm "Senior Choir Easter Cantata".

Moses Cook, long-time Incarnation custodian, went into the streets ringing a hand bell in celebration on VE Day, May 8, 1945.

Incarnation sent large sums of money to "Lutheran World Action" beginning in 1945. LWA was formed to help rebuild Europe and resettle "Displaced Persons," ("DPs").

Incarnation shipped approximately 2000 pounds of supplies to a Bavarian congregation assisting refugees in war-torn Germany in 1948 and 1949. The Lutheran League (youth group) sent clothes to Russia.



100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

1940's Fun Facts

INCARNATION AT 100

More fun facts from the 1940s

The Post-War Years: 1946-1949

Incarnation adopted a “parish abroad” in **Tung Nan Ti Kiachow District, China**, in the mid-1940’s, until it fell into Communist hands and became unreachable. In an important decision for Incarnation’s future, they adopted a new parish in Liberia.

Incarnation began broadcasting its services in June 1945 on a new radio station WKIX (later WIS radio).

The Ladies Auxiliary and the Women’s Missionary Society merged into the “Women-of-The-Church” in 1946. The Men’s Brotherhood, Luther League, Young People’s Society and multiple choirs all became increasingly active.



The first meeting of Boy Scout Troop 8 took place in February 1946. Cub Scouts formed later that

year, and a Girl Scout troop formed in 1947.

In 1947, Incarnation helped purchase **Lutheridge!** The church enthusiastically sent almost \$500 toward the purchase of a “Lutheran Summer Assembly Ground near Arden, NC”.

In 1948, the women of the church supported **Konnarock Lutheran Mountain Mission School and Rocky Boy Indian Mission School** with over 300 pounds of clothing, medical and school supplies and monetary donations.

In April 1948, twelve members of Incarnation transferred to help form **Resurrection Lutheran Church** off of Rosewood Drive, which was newly organizing.

In the summer of 1948, a polio epidemic cut Sunday School attendance by two-thirds.

The choir rejoiced to finally receive new choir robes in **December 1948** in time for Christmas services – the need had been “urgent”. Men’s robes cost \$9.50 each and women’s \$10.50. Hats for the women were an additional \$2.50 a piece.



After years of consideration, Incarnation voted **140 to 24** to build a new educational building in September 1948. Groundbreaking took place the next year, on September 25, 1949.



Groundbreaking for the Education Building, September 25, 1949. Note President of SC Synod, Karl Kinard (Porter Kinard’s father) in top picture on right.

Congregational “sentiment” led to the preservation of “the persimmon tree” in front of the new proposed building. The Property Committee was directed to take all “necessary steps to protect said tree.”

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 11:30 am - Fellowship Meeting 5:00 pm - Personnel Meeting	2 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study	3	4	5 9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Kitchen Work Day	6 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:30 am - Faith Formation Task Force Meeting 2:00 pm - Sanctuary:
7	8 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	9 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study	10	11	12 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Youth Room Work Day 3:00 pm - Work Day Ice Cream Social	13 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:30 am - Worship and Music
14	15 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	16 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study	17	18	19 SC LCY State Convention at St. David's, West Columbia	20 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Confirmation Camp
21	22 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall Confirmation Camp	23 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study Confirmation Camp	24 Confirmation Camp	25 Confirmation Camp	26 Synod Assembly via Zoom Confirmation Camp	27 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:30 am - Family Pizza Party
28	29 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	30 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study				

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Organ Recitals



Janette Fishell

DEDICATORY
ORGAN RECITAL:
SUNDAY, JULY 11TH
AT 5 PM.

Dr. Patrick Hawkins

DEDICATORY
ORGAN RECITAL:
SUNDAY, JULY 25TH
AT 5 PM.



These events are free to the public and we invite you all to join us in dedicating our D.A. Flentrop 1957, originally in Leeuwarden, The Netherlands.



GET IN TOUCH

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