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CAKE AND STRUDEL SALE

We have some special Oktoberfest treats for sale! Please refer to page 8 for more information.



Operation Baby Bird Rescue: Page 4

Happy Fall!



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

Fall is in the air. Pumpkin spice flavored goodies are on the shelves, and there's a hint of coolness under the heat. This is the time of year that I optimistically pull out my heavy jacket, wondering if this will be the year that it will get cold enough to actually need it. I will probably wear it anyway, but only because I like it so much.

In the church, this time of year is usually marked by frenetic activity as we prepare for Oktoberfest, Advent, and Christmas. Even with Oktoberfest postponed, there has been a definite shift in energy, as we've resumed many of the activities that paused for the summer: choir and handbell rehearsals, bible studies, and more.

This is a season of change.

Of course, one of the bigger events on our calendar for the month of October is Reformation Sunday. Now there's a worship service that celebrates change! Each year we mark the anniversary of the Reformation; we sing our favorite Lutheran hymns, we have special music, we wear our brightest red outfits, and we add a heaping helping of fanfare to our worship. It's a great service.

But as much as we look backwards to celebrate that moment when Luther nailed those ninety-five theses to the church door, we also look ahead to see where our lives and our faith need that spirit of Reformation today.

All faiths, all churches, all disciplines and practices benefit from that question that so shaped Luther's understanding of what it means to be the church: "What stands between us and God?" For Luther, the answers were found in the church's efforts to control the allocation of God's grace. The sale of indulgences, the restriction of God's word to Latin, the power of the pope, and even directing prayers through the saints, all seemed to Luther to be an effort both to control access to God and to dictate how God's grace was spent on God's people.

In September we heard Jesus remonstrate his disciples, "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea." There's little doubt that Luther saw the practices listed above as stumbling blocks to faith.

We may no longer worry about purchasing enough indulgences for our beloved family members, but I am certain that we still seek ways to try to control God's grace. What are the stumbling blocks that we find under our feet today? Just as importantly, who put them there? If there are practices in the church or in our own faith lives that act as barriers to God's grace then perhaps we, too, are in need of some Reformation spirit, some of that good change, in our churches and faith practices today.

May God bless us with eyes and hearts to see and understand where we are being called to reformation, and may God grant us the courage to undertake change where it is needed.

Pastor Emily

MUSIC

Some of you may have heard that recently I was appointed to the post of Organist / Chapel Musician at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. As you can imagine, it is a huge honor to be able to share in the music ministry of such an institution and to be able to work with the seminarians at three of their weekly services during the academic year.

For the past two weeks at their Thursday "worship lab" in Christ Chapel, the seminarians have been discussing the sacrament of Baptism. I can't tell you how refreshing it has been for me on a personal level to sit in on these sessions and listen to the personal stories that the faculty and students have shared about their experiences associated with Baptism. Also, there have been some wonderful questions such as: Where is the font located in your church? Do members of your congregation mark themselves with the sign of cross using water from a font at the start or closing of the service to remember their baptismal vows? How does the baptismal order of service in the ELW hymnal compare to those found in other worship books in the Methodist, Catholic, or other Christian denominations?

At the conclusion of each of these "labs" the worship leader has selected hymns to be sung - usually two or three. In an effort to expand the general musical knowledge of the seminarians, we have sung songs not from the red ELW, but from other resources: one was selected from the newly published All Creation Sings supplement, another from Dakota Road Music, and a third was from the Taize tradition. A question I pose to you is what hymns or songs do you associate with Baptism? Which ones have special meaning to you as a Lutheran? Perhaps at some service, we could explore the topic of Baptism at Incarnation and sing a variety of your favorite hymns that are appropriate. Do write to me and share your favorites!

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Music Director and Organist

CDC**All God's Creatures!**

The CDC cares for more than just our human kiddos! Such was the case when operation baby blue bird rescue presented itself a few weeks ago. The baby bird was sitting shivering on the sidewalk. The mother bird was squawking at me to do something. Our 4's class teacher Terry Fordham grabbed some gloves and we made a quick nest out of kleenex and a basket. The nest was visible and of course just out of reach, not to mention having to go way up a ladder! This was obviously a case that needed pastoral intervention! Pastor Emily and her husband Mike stepped over and aided in the rescue. Mike gallantly went to the top of the ladder to place the baby in the nest coming beak to eye with the mother. She hopped out of the nest until the baby was secure. We all decided it was best to create a fall zone in case the baby got close to the nest edge again, of course a nap mat was used. Just another day at Incarnation Lutheran Church :)

FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

TRUNK OR TREAT

ILC will be hosting a Trunk or Treat at 11:30 am (after service) on Sunday, October 31st in the backyard. We will be providing a hot dog lunch for families.

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!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

National Youth Gathering registration is underway. Please pick up forms from the office, or check your email. Contact Pastor Emily if you have any questions about this event.



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

COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Council meeting 9/20/21 approved to hire a civil engineer from ADC to begin work on the parking lot.
- Approved to look into starting a music endowment fund with the Mary Jessel Contribution.
- Approved to replace the second floor air conditioner at a cost of \$12,100.
- Approved to follow city and county mask mandates for all groups meeting in the church.

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



Celebrating A Century of Faith, Love and Service
INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1921-2021



Progressive Newspaper COLUMBIA, S. C., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1951 *The State: South Carolina's Largest Newspaper*

Many Attend Parents' Night at Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

The picture above shows parents who met in Fellowship hall of the parish building at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation for Parents' night the night of February 20. Over 125 parents were present at the fellowship supper and heard a discussion of the church's total youth program, the discussion led by the Rev. George E. Meetze, pastor, who used as his theme, "Our Greatest Treasures and Our First Responsibility." The meeting was sponsored by the Sunday school, the superintendent of which, G. H. Ballentine, explained the Sunday school program and introduced each departmental head, along with all of the teachers. Subjects discussed were: The Scout program, the children of the church, the Confirmation and Catechetical classes, the youth choir, the children's service and the Luther league. Further expansion in all groups is planned and all parents are invited to have their children participate in any of these youth activities. (Munn-Teal Photo).

Do you recognize anyone in this picture from 1951 . . . ?

The October 100th Anniversary Challenge!

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

October is "Collect 100 Books for the CDC" Month!

We are collecting 100 children's books for our two Child Developments Centers.

Please bring your books to the church office and we will distribute them!

Reformation Sunday, October 31st

Former pastor of Incarnation and Bishop of the South Carolina Synod, Bishop David Donges, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Plan to join us for this celebration – and wear red!

Homecoming Date Postponed

Because of the rise in cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina this fall, the 100th Anniversary Homecoming service will not be held October 17th and has been postponed to a later time. Stay tuned in the spring for updates!

CAKE AND STRUDEL SALE

Greetings to all Church Family,

This seems to be another same time, next year situation as we again cancelled Oktoberfest have some special Oktoberfest treats for sale. The following may be ordered by email sdemichael6137@gmail.com or by text to 803-318-8299. I will respond to let you know when your order is bagged, labeled, and placed in the freezer next to the kitchen refrigerator for your pickup. You will find a brown envelope in the freezer for placement of your check, payable to Incarnation and "Bakery" on the memo line, or cash (in individual envelope with your name and amount).

For sale:

Apple Strudel, two 6 inch pieces/box - \$2.50/box - (10 boxes available!)
(pastry filled with apples, raisins and a touch of cinnamon)

Fruit Strudel, two 6 inch pieces/box - \$2.50/box - (7 boxes available!)
(pastry filled with raspberries, blackberries, and apple)

Donauwella Cake, four slices/box - \$3.50/box - (30 boxes available)
(chocolate and golden cake with morello cherries, cream, topped with a thin layer of chocolate)

REALLY Delicious! Great dessert with dinner guests or anytime!
PLEASE PLACE ORDERS FOR WEEKEND PICKUP!

Thank you,
Sue DeMichael

LECTOR AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE

Date	Lectors	Crucifers
September 19	Mary Kehl	Amy Kehl
September 26	Janet Hoffman	Janet Hoffman
October 3	Mimi Fisher	Jeff Shealy
October 10	Leslie Skinner	Teresa Boykin
October 17	Cheryl Carroll	Bill Williamson
October 24	Susan McArver	John Sawicki
October 31	Mary Kehl	Amy Kehl
November 7	Janet Hoffmann	Cal Johnson
November 14	Mimi Fisher	Janet Hoffman
November 21	Leslie Skinner	Jeff Shealy
November 28	Cheryl Carroll	Teresa Boykin
December 5	Mary Kehl	Bill Williamson
December 12	Janet Hoffmann	John Sawicki
December 19	Leslie Skinner	Cal Johnson
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Mimi Fisher	Jeff Shealy
December 26	Susan McArver	Amy Kehl
January 2	Mary Kehl	Janet Hoffman
January 9	Janet Hoffmann	Teresa Boykin
January 16	Leslie Skinner	Bill Williamson

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1 10:30 am - Crafting Group: Fellowship Hall	2 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice Worship & Music - 12:00 pm
4 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	5 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	6 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 12:00 Bible Study:" Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Choir Practice	7	8 CDC Teacher Workday 8:30 - CPR & First Aid: Fellowship Hall	9 10 Executive Council 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice SANCTUARY BOOKED 2-6 PM Riley Simmons Scouts	10 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice SANCTUARY BOOKED 2-6 PM Riley Simmons Scouts
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18 6:00 - Council Meeting	19 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	20 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 12:00 pm - Bible Study: Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Choir Practice	21	22	23 Chamber Orchestra Practice	24 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice Chamber Orchestra Concert
25	26 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	27 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 12:00 pm - Bible Study: Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Choir Practice	28 Charlotte Vacation	29 Charlotte Vacation	30 Chamber Orchestra Practice	31 Reformation Sunday 8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice

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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