

June 2018 The Contact

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Incarnation Lutheran Church

A Summer Fling Sunday, June 3

On Sunday, June 3, we will hold our regular summer worship in the sanctuary and then join together for a cookout with games and conversation sponsored by the Lutheran Men in Mission and WELCA. The new gaga pit will be up and ready so you don't want to miss this opportunity to see our confirmation youth enjoy this game!



Welcome Dr, Patrick Hawkins as our Director of Music and Organist. Dr. Hawkins holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Peabody Conservatory of Music at The Johns Hopkins University, a Master of Music in Organ Performance from East Carolina University, and a DMA degree in organ performance from Arizona State University in Tempe. In addition to extensive experience in church and community choirs during his years of formal study, Dr. Hawkins has performed as keyboard soloist in major festivals, churches and cathedrals in the United States, England, France, Germany, South Korea, and Wales. He has been employed as Choral Director at Spring Valley High School since 2008. Welcome to Incarnation, Dr. Hawkins!

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A Thank You from Scout Troop 8

“Dear Lutheran Incarnation Church,

Thank you so much for all you do for us. Thank you for letting us use your premises every Monday. Thank you for letting us store our equipment on your property. Thank you for your recent \$1500 donation to our troop. Thank you for all you do for our troop.”



GraceWorks 2018!!!

GraceWorks is an incredible opportunity for service, learning, and fellowship as Lutheran youth and adults from across the Midlands gather for a week of service learning to serve over 20 organizations in the Columbia area. Here is what you need to know:

1. The dates are Sunday, July 15th through Friday, July 20th!!!
2. All rising 6th graders through graduated seniors are eligible to attend!
3. We meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Drop-off at 8am and pickup at 5pm.

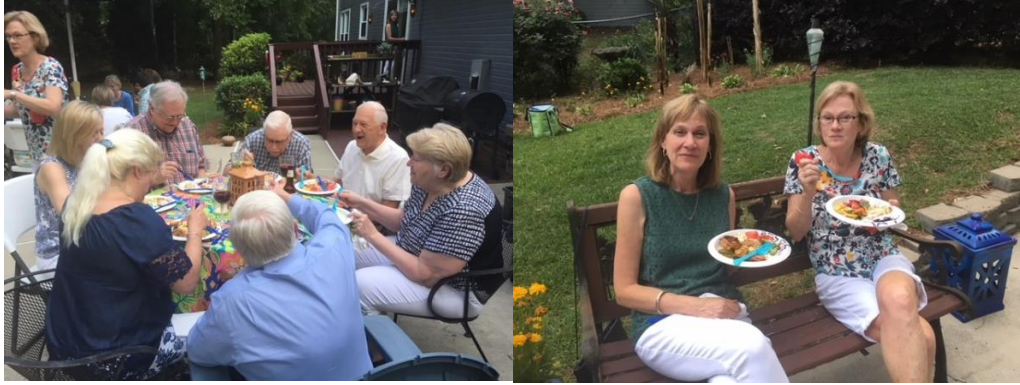
3. It is our hope that your child would join us for the entire week but if there is a conflict a partial week is still ok!

Registration should be live soon but please mark your calendars! We are also looking for adults who could give a day or two or more to accompany youth to sites. If you are available let Ethan know.

Financial Audit

At its May meeting, Church Council received an excellent audit report for 2016 from our Audit Committee. Many thanks to Sue DeMichael, Alec Giles and Susan Cramer for their dedicated, hard, and tireless work. The committee commended our bookkeeper, Amy Kehl, and all connected with our financial record-keeping and made helpful recommendations for the future, which Council will address. A copy is available in the Church Office if you would like to read it.

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*Everyone enjoying the gathering at the home of Bill & Anjay Williamson recently.
Sponsored by the Lutheran Men in Mission and the Mary Martha Circle.*

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HOME COMMUNION



At the Lutheran Church of the Incarnation we recognize that some members cannot get to church as often as they would like. We have lay members take communion to these people who may have health problems or who due to circumstances are unable to leave their own homes to come to church.

Lay members of Incarnation take the communion from our altar to the people that would like to commune. If you're interested in serving as a lay eucharistic minister, please contact the church office 256-2381 or email: office@incarnationlutheran.com

If you're homebound and would like to receive Communion at home on a regular basis, please call the church office at 256-2381 and let us know.



Newberry College Night with the Columbia Fireflies



A block of seats for Newberry College alumni and friends have been reserved between the dugouts, behind the protective netting. Thursday, June 21, Game time at 7 pm, Tickets \$10/person Purchase by Thursday, June 6, by 4 pm. Be among the first 75 people to purchase tickets in order to guarantee your seat in the Newberry College group section.

Contact: Call: (803) 321-5676 Email: jeffrey.wicker@newberry.edu

Deadline?

Purchase by **Thursday, June 6, by 4 pm.** Be among the **first 75 people** to purchase tickets in order to guarantee your seat in the Newberry College group section.

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Your Church Council 2018

President – Steve Cook

Vice President – Leslie Skinner

Treasurer – Cal Johnson

Financial Secretary – Randy Yaussy

Secretary – Susan McArver

Sharon DeJames, Janet Hoffman, Walter Lindler, Eugenie Parker



Articles for July edition of THE CONTACT newsletter are due Monday, June 18. The congregation greatly appreciates current information and dates from your committees and groups. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get your information to others. Send articles and information to the church office: office@incarnationlutheran.com

Current Concerns Ed Hoffman, Tom Williamson, Abigail Murdock, Leon Tokunaga, Walter Lindler, Cecilia Eaddy (CDC mother), Delores DeJames (mother of Jeff DeJames), Sarah Parker (mother of Mike Parker),
New Prayer List Guidelines: Names will be on the prayer list and prayed for during the intercessory prayers for four Sundays. If you wish the name you submitted to continue, please notify the office at the end of the four weeks.



Placing flowers on the altar for our worship services is a wonderful way to honor someone you love and appreciate or to remember a departed loved one. Arranging to place flowers is as simple as signing up at the flower chart on the door of the sacristy or a phone call (256-2381) or email (office@incarnationlutheran.com) to the church office. Tell us what information you would like printed in the bulletin. Have a nice garden or access to floral arrangements, not a problem. All arrangements have to be delivered to the Sanctuary prior to services.



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Campformation at Lutheridge_June 10-16

This special time marks the halfway point of the confirmation program for our nine current confirmation students. They will join other youth from other SC and NC congregations and journey through the church year together to learn about the seasons of the church year and how our faith is strengthened by celebrating the seasons together!



ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston Texas - June 26-July 1

Nine of our young people and three adults will travel to Houston, TX to be a part of a life-changing event as they join over 30,000 other Lutheran youth to live their faith, grow closer to God and the church, and to share the love of Christ with others! Thank you to everyone who has invested in the formation of these youth and helped make this opportunity a reality!

GraceWorks 2018

July 15-20

It's time to get to work! Every summer for five years the Lutheran youth of the Midlands have gathered together for a week of service and learning called GraceWorks. During the week our youth will serve alongside other youth from around the area to help serve and learn with over twenty service agencies from across the Midlands. This year's theme is "All Are Called" as we seek to look at the heroes of the Bible and how God called each of them to serve and how God calls each of us to serve and live as disciples. This event is for all rising 6th grade youth through those who have just graduated high school. Adults are also needed as volunteers. Contact Ethan if you are interested and need more information.



Recent CDC Graduation Class of Four Year Olds. Going to preschool in the fall.

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SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENTS/DATES FOR PUBLICATION

The deadline for submitting announcements for the *weekly email* is noon each Monday.

The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday Bulletin is noon each Wednesday.

Announcements are subject to editing

June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Synod Assembly	2 Synod Assembly
3 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship Cookout	4	5	6	7 10:00am Yoga Class 5:15pm Transitions	8	9
10 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship 11:15am Coffee & Conversation	11 6:00pm OctoberFest Meeting	12	13	14 10:00am Yoga Class	15	16
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Pastor Jane's Back Page



Several weeks ago I said in a sermon, “Watch out, Incarnation. The Spirit is moving mightily in this place.” And is that ever happening!

The Congregation Council has worked diligently over these last months struggling with the paradigm shift from staff-led to a discipleship model of ministry here at Incarnation. That is not an easy task. We compared it to the literal three-mile turning of an aircraft carrier in the ocean. But the ship is turning!!! At its April meeting, the council implemented its plan for congregational discernment of God’s vision and mission for Incarnation in this time and in this place. Three temple talks and congregational conversations about things that are scary, exciting, and challenging have been completed. And on Wednesday evening, May 23rd, the group gathered there identified three task forces to begin carrying on the opportunities we have before us now. These task forces are Finance, Buildings and Activities. Leaders for each task force have been named and they already busy.

The Finance Task Force is charged with the task of identifying creative and “out-of-the box” ways to inform the congregation on how to give and why to give. The Buildings Task Force will be doing an assessment of both building needs and then compiling a list of short-term goals to be completed in a timely manner and then a list of long-range goals which will call for serious discussion, open minds and prayerful hearts. And the Activities Task Force will hold an Activities Fair following worship on July 15 so that each member can see what opportunities for ministry already exist and how individual gifts for ministry might strengthen what we already doing – and that creative minds might see where our growth edges are and lead us there!

And, after the Wednesday evening meeting, another member offered to develop a mentoring plan for new members.

And while these task forces are up and running, they also are hoping that others will offer to join them as you see your gifts matching these tasks.

As I said, “Watch out, Incarnation. The Spirit is moving mightily in this place.” Come join the dance!