

# JULY 2021



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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This July, Incarnation families will receive activity bags full of goodies and instructions for their very own Vacation Bible School at home! If you are interested in participating please contact the office at [office@incarnationlutheran.com](mailto:office@incarnationlutheran.com).



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



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

From June 20th to June 26th, confirmation students from Incarnation headed north to Lutherock for Campfirmation. It's always a good week, but sometimes it takes a few days to settle into that different rhythm that camp brings. That first afternoon is always a little nerve-wracking. Pastors and leaders are packing last minute materials needed for each day of class. Parents are trying to remember if they



packed all of the things necessary for a week away from home. Campers don't know quite what to expect, and are often feeling a little bit anxious. The night before we left I know there were conversations happening in households about whether or not kids actually had to go to camp. And parents walked that fine line between reminding them that they had a choice, but also that, yes, they were going to camp.

Sometimes the things we most need to do are the things that are the hardest to get started. We may know what it is we need to do, we may even know how to go about doing it, but actually beginning can be hard. Whether it is the anxiety of a new undertaking, or just overcoming the inertia of the familiar, so many times it is easier to just do what we know how to do and nothing else. Of course, this doesn't just apply to our confirmation students. In fact, I was incredibly proud of how they all jumped in and participated in their week at camp. I'm sure they missed their families, and I'm sure that they had some feelings of nervousness about camping with so many strangers for a week, but they also tried new things, made new friends, and perhaps even learned something about their faith.



What a wonderful example they are for the church!

And what a prayer for the church; that we try new things, welcome new folks into our fellowship, and, yes, perhaps even learn something about our faith



*Pastor Emily*

# STEWARDSHIP

## Council President: Kim Yerrick

If not me than who?

Stewardship can be defined as managing everything God brings into our lives in a manner that honors God, for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.

As stewards we are all responsible in the overseeing and the protection of something, in all of our lives, considered worth caring for and preserving, our beloved Incarnation Lutheran Church.

Financially we all need to support our Pastor, Music Director, Faith Formation Minister and staff salaries. Without them we would not have a church.

Worship supplies are also an essential part of our faith, which includes communion supplies, flowers, candles and bulletins.

Our building operations and property upkeep. The renovation we did this past year is just the beginning! Thanks to our Property Team, we have been addressing heat/air conditioning issues, leaky roofs, re-keying of doors, kitchen clean-up, landscaping and pews just to name a few! We are also in the process of addressing audio in the sanctuary, parking and a pavilion for our outdoor activities.

Our Faith Formation committee had it's first meeting in June and we are also in the process of looking for a new Faith Formation Minister.

My hope is that we develop a ministry that involves children, youth, and adults in a safe, loving, and faith-nurturing environment.

Let's all work together to plan, host and attend faith building events at our church!

We are looking to resurrect our Hospitality team. We are hosting two organ recitals this July and our Homecoming in October in celebration of our 100th anniversary.

Our newest outreach, thanks to the Ely Family, is our Little Free pantry, which is located on Sims St. Consider bringing items to keep our pantry stocked for our neighbors who are need of food.

## MUSIC

### Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Organist

As the former Dean of the Greater Columbia Chapter of The American Guild of Organists, I am delighted to extend a warm invitation to you all for the upcoming dedicatory events scheduled at Incarnation Lutheran Church during the month of July. Many of you know that last summer, our church acquired from the Netherlands a two-manual mechanical action organ built by D.A. Flentrop in 1957. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the official dedication of the instrument was delayed almost a full year. Now that the vast majority of the public is able to get a vaccine, we are quite excited to be able to safely invite the public into the church to celebrate this special instrument.

Some of you may know that I earned my Master of Music degree in Organ Performance under the tutelage of Dr. Janette Fishell. Indeed, I had the great honor to be her Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Organ and Church Music Department at East Carolina University. I first met her in 1993 while visiting Ben Hutto in Charlotte, North Carolina. She had driven to his home to attend a professional meeting. I well recall Ben whispering in my ear, "My God! Have you heard her play the organ? That woman can beat up an instrument like nobody's business!" Thinking of that comment that Ben made, I have to chuckle because I have had the great pleasure many times to hear Dr. Fishell perform since that first encounter decades ago- at public recitals (I actually have attended concerts she has played on three continents including South Korea, west and east coasts of the US, and in Paris, France), at worship services at her former post at St. Paul's in Greenville, and during studio classes and lessons. Janette is one of those rare musicians who fully understands how to communicate a musical score to an audience. I have no shame in saying that her playing has personally brought me to tears on more than one occasion due to her ability to beautifully phrase a musical gesture.

Back in the early 1990s, Janette certainly performed music by Johann Sebastian Bach. However, it was a bit after my graduation when she began to delve more fully into his music and she recorded her first all-Bach CD upon a C.B. Fisk organ in New Bern, NC. When she left the Carolinas to step into the role of Organ Professor at Indiana University at Bloomington, she started to think about playing the complete works of Bach in a series of concerts at IU as well as in churches around Indianapolis. You see, no other former teacher at Indiana had ever done this in concert, and Janette saw an opportunity for a great personal and professional challenge. Thus, her "Seasons of Sebastian" was born and she did learn and perform all of the organ scores by the Baroque master.

## MUSIC

### Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Organist

The 1957 Flentrop organ at Incarnation Lutheran Church is a perfect vehicle for the music of the German Baroque school. Although the specification might seem small, the placement in the rear of the church in the choir loft makes the organ sing quite beautifully along the central axis of the building. And in typical Germanic fashion, the Ruckpositiv division is featured on this organ. Some of you may know that the Flentrop organ at Salem College was installed in 1957, so our instruments are the two oldest examples of Dirk Flentrop's genius to be found in the United States. The architecture of the organ case inspired the organ that went into the Busch-Reisinger Museum at Harvard University in Boston a few years afterwards and upon which E. Power Biggs recorded his famous Bach discs. Dr. Fishell was one of the few organists invited by Harvard to play the anniversary concerts upon that famous Flentrop organ.

Please do attend Dr. Janette Fishell's masterclass at Incarnation Lutheran on July 10th at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in performing in the masterclass, please let the AGO Board know. As the organ is tuned in Kellner temperament and due to the specification of the organ, it would be best to perform a work from the Germanic school from the Renaissance, Baroque or early Romantic eras. I am more than happy to help arrange practice time for you on the instrument so to help you get familiar with it should you wish to play in the masterclass.

Then, on Sunday the 11th of July, please attend her concert at the church at 5:00 p.m. Admission will be free of charge and an outdoor reception after the concert will allow you to greet the artist. Dr. Fishell will perform works by Bach for the first half of the program. The second portion will feature music by Mendelssohn, Brahms, and Lionel Rogg.

Two weeks later, I look forward to performing the second dedicatory recital upon the Flentrop on Sunday, July 25th at the same time - 5:00 p.m. Again, admission is free to the public.

Yours,  
Dr. Patrick Hawkins Organist / Music Director



# CDC

## Summer Fun



We are two weeks into our summer program for school age children and are having a blast! We have been crafting, reading, skating, dancing, splashing and making friendships. Summer fun and making memories for the next seven weeks, YAY!

# FAITH FORMATION

## Savannah's Farewell

Dear Incarnation Families,

As I get ready for my last days at Incarnation as your Faith Formation Minister, I am reflecting back on our start together back in August of 2018. I was incredibly nervous as it was my first time participating in ministry outside of a summer camp setting. As some of you might recall I introduced myself on my first Sunday by saying, "Welcome to Church!" I look back on my awkwardness and it makes me laugh but I also look back and remember how welcoming Incarnation was to me as I started my time in ministry with you all. I will always be thankful for the lessons I have learned and the time I have grown here at Incarnation. I am so thankful to each of you for your support and your passion for this ministry.

Christ's peace,

Savannah Edis

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### *Little Free Pantry*

You may have noticed a stylish addition to our outdoor space by Incarnation's Sims Street entrance. Thanks to the generosity and woodworking skills of two of our church families, our little free pantry is up and running and ready to be filled. Please bring your shelf-stable items to be stocked in the pantry. Please make sure they are within their expiration date, as we cannot stock items that are past that date.

#### Suggested items:

peanut butter	cereal
pasta	dried fruit
canned fruits	baby formula
canned vegetables	soap
canned soups	hand sanitizer
tuna pouches	toothpaste
granola bars	deodorant
powdered milk	menstrual products
crackers	wipes



# 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
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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

## July Challenge



### **Homecoming Date Rescheduled: Sunday, October 17, 2021!**

Big news from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee!

We have finally been able to reschedule our pandemic-delayed Homecoming, which will now be held **Sunday, October 17, 2021.**

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

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date!

### **The July 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge!**

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

**In July, we pray for our freedom and our country.**

Give honor and thanks to those currently serving in the military and those who are veterans.

**To show our connections, bring in pictures of your family members who serve or who have served for display in our narthex.**

**Also, attend our Lutheran church camps!**

If you attend Lutheridge, Lutherock, Camp Kinard, Coastal Retreat Center, etc. this summer, let the church office know.

Can't attend camp yourself? Make a monetary donation to one of these camps to support their important ministry with children, youth and families!

### **Coming Events:**

- We were thrilled to welcome Jessica Skinner Darty on June 13<sup>th</sup> as our guest preacher as part of our continuing series of inviting former pastors and sons and daughters of the congregation back to Incarnation. In the next two months we will celebrate with organ concerts and additional guest preachers:
  - July 11 – Organ dedicatory recital: Dr. Janette Fishell (see elsewhere in Contact)
  - July 18: Pastor Mary Anderson, former pastor of Incarnation
  - July 25: Organ dedicatory recital: Dr. Patrick Hawkins
  - 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
- **Our outdoor “historical banner” collection and list of “Fun Facts” are growing!** Look for the 1950s in July by Leslie Skinner and the 1960s to appear in August from Susan McArver.

# CRAFTING GROUP

Join us for a newly formed Craft Group starting with Christmas in July!

This group has been formed to create all kinds of various crafts for crafters, and would be crafters, of all ages. Each month church related crafts will be planned for all ages and all skill levels.

Craft sessions will be scheduled for Wednesdays evenings and Saturday mid-mornings to accommodate our busy schedules. You only need to attend one to participate.

The theme for the first meeting is "Christmas in July." We will be creating a variety of ornaments for our parlor Christmas Tree.

While we still using our cross stitch materials from the recent Chrismon Tree Skirt Project stitching new designs for the tree, we will also be creating other type of ornaments, and as well as painting design parts for the tree.

Projects are designed for any and all ages and skill levels. Packets for most projects will also be made available for those wish to complete a project at home.

In August and September our projects will be in preparation making items to sell for Oktoberfest (flowered headband, necklaces, etc).

**Mark your calendar for Christmas in July -our first meetings of the Craft Group: Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm and the Saturday meeting will be at 10:30 am. So come join us for a family friendly night/morning! Light snacks will be made available for attendees.**

For more information and/or questions contact Nora Shealy at 803-238-1620 (you can text or call) or email [norak@sc.rr.com](mailto:norak@sc.rr.com).



# BAKING

## From the Oktoberfest Committee

Let the Baking Begin!



The first batch of vanillekipferl (crescent) cookies are safely tucked into the freezer thanks to the help of Sue, Bobbi, Susan, Nora, Anjay, Karolyn and Marcy. Thank you SO much, friends!

Just when you thought the pastries couldn't possibly get any better, the magic baking elves in the Oktoberfest kitchen found a way. Shawn DeJames discovered a delicious glazed lemon cookie that will be added to the cookie assortment box of goodness this year. I managed to score a sneak preview cookie yesterday and it is my new favorite. This baking will commence on the weekend of June 26 and we need you to help make it happen. Zero skill or experience required. I repeat, zero skill required! We hope you will lend a hand. Contact Sue DeMichael at 803-318-8299 or [sdemichael6137@gmail.com](mailto:sdemichael6137@gmail.com) Check out the schedule below and help make this happen. We thank you for your time and we look forward to baking with you! If you can sign up ahead for the summer shifts, it will help us immensely to plan and prep.

**Danke!**

Nancy

# BAKING

## From the Oktoberfest Committee

### Baking Schedule 2021 <sup>(4)</sup>

**\*\*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](mailto: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

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN JULY

## INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	Baking Executive Council Meeting 11 after Worship
	10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall					8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am- Sunday Worship 5:00 pm Organ Recital (Janette Fishell)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall	6:30 pm - Crafting Group: Fellowship Hall	Sanctuary Closed for Practice	Sanctuary Closed for Practice	Sanctuary Closed for Practice	8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am- Sunday Worship
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
6:00 - Council Meeting	10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall			Bakings	Baking	8:30 am - Outdoor Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 5:00 pm Organ Recital (Dr. Patrick Hawkins)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	10:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall					



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## July Organ Recitals



*Dr. 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

Our Ministry Staff contacts are:

Rev. Emily Willhide.....pastoremily@incarnationlutheran.com

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Amy Kehl; Bookkeeper.....amy.kehl@incarnationlutheran.com

Teresa Boykin, CDC Director.....cdc@incarnationlutheran.com

Cherry Samuel, CDC-Byron Rd.....cdcbyron@incarnationlutheran.com

Charlotte Dover, Parish Administrator.....office@incarnationlutheran.com

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

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

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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