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Maundy Thursday - April 14th at 6pm
Good Friday - April 15th at 6pm
Easter - April 17th at 10 am
Following Worship: Easter Reception
and Egg Hunt



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



A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. -
Psalm 51:1*

We are nearly through another Lent. We have gathered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to hear scripture and sing beautiful liturgy. We have engaged in fasting practices and, in some cases, taken on new disciplines. We have prayed, made special offerings, and immersed ourselves in God's word, all to prepare our hearts and minds for the journey that Jesus makes to Golgotha. We began in ashes and we will end at the foot of the cross.

I've always found it a bit ironic that we spend this season readying ourselves for Jesus' death on the cross when the world outside is beginning to burst with new life. It's hard to think of ashes when the pollen is so thick that you can shovel it. But even amidst the profusion of blossoms, death intrudes. It is never really very far away from us. And perhaps that is the reason we go out of our way to avoid thinking about it. We refuse to discuss end-of-life care with our loved ones, we put off making a will, and we certainly don't want to think about funeral arrangements. It is the one thing in life we know for sure is coming, and yet, too often, we fail to plan for it.

Lent is the church's way of planning for it. We have the tremendous gift of knowing that the cross exists. We know for sure that Jesus will go to the cross and die for our transgressions. There is never any doubt about the way this story will turn out, regardless of how many times we tell it. And so we get ready for it: we listen, we reflect, and we repent.

We are able to do this because we know what comes next. We know that after the cross comes the tomb, and out of the tomb comes the resurrection and new life. We can make the journey of Lent because we are strengthened by the knowledge of Easter. After death comes new life, every time.

That story never changes. It was true for Jesus. It is true for the church. It is true for us. Our God is the God of the living, drawing us out of the depths, and into new life. May this Easter season fill you with the joy of the resurrection and the peace of new life.

Pastor Emily

MUSIC

With Easter right around the corner, people always ask me if we are going to sing "such and such" hymn, which was their "favorite." Do you have a favorite hymn that you associate with the season of the Resurrection? This short article shares 7 famous Easter hymn texts and names their authors. A few of them are common in many Lutheran traditions. After reading the poetry, you may wish to further explore the hymn writing of Martin Luther and Fanny Crosby as well as Charles Wesley. And, don't forget to tell me what your favorite hymns are. I would love to play them sometime in the future.

<https://likeateam.com/7-great-old-easter-hymns-that-tell-the-story/>

Yours,
Dr. Patrick Hawkins

OTHER MUSIC EVENTS

Join us for the UofSC Men's and Women's Chorus Spring Performance on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Incarnation Lutheran. This is a free event and open to the public.

Join Palmetto Chamber Orchestra on May 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm at Incarnation Lutheran Church for "SERENADING CLASSICS!" where we celebrate music by the finest composers Mozart, Beethoven, Faure, Elgar and Shor. The program is diverse and fun for everyone!

Ticket Prices:

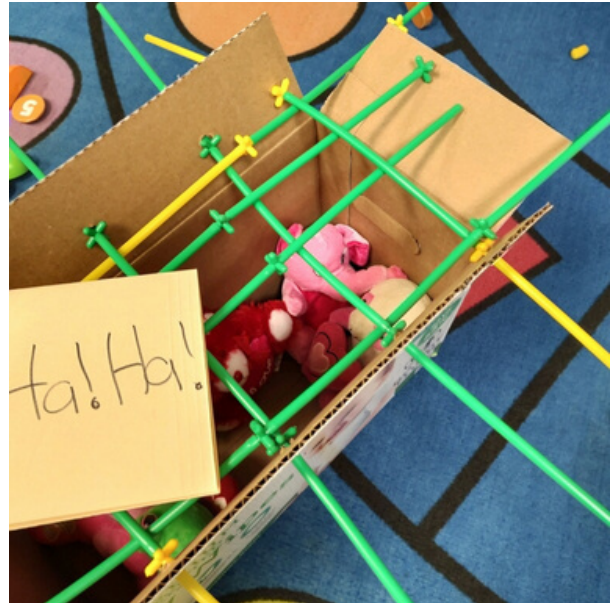
\$15 - General Admission, \$20 VIP (2 for \$35), \$5 - Students

Tickets at the door: Cash or Check

CDC

Green Eggs & Ham

Celebrating Dr Seuss with green eggs and ham. The leprechaun trap was a hit with the kids. The leprechaun stole the gold out of the trap and placed the classroom stuffed animals in it. He even left a note for them. Sneaky leprechaun!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

A while back you were asked to donate towels, soap, combs, toothbrushes, and nail clippers. When I arrived to Incarnation this box of donated goods was in my office and I wasn't sure where they needed to go. Over the weekend of March 18th, I attended the South Carolina Lutheran Church Youth middle school retreat at Camp Kinard in Batesburg-Leesville. One of the activities on Saturday afternoon was a service project where we made Bingo prize bags along with hygiene kits for the residents of Generations Senior Care, an independent and assisted living community in Batesburg-Leesville. When I heard that we would be doing this, I knew exactly what to do with the box of donated items. Thank you Incarnation for your donated items!

There are many opportunities of fellowship coming up over the next couple of months. I look forward to continuing to meet everyone.

ILC Faith Formation Dates:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>2: Play date at Woodlands Park 10 am to Noon</p> <p>3: Youth Gathering after Worship</p> <p>16: Holy Saturday Family Event 10 am to Noon</p> <p>17: Easter Sunday Celebration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>17-19: SCLCY Convention at Newberry College</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>1: ILC CDC Sunday</p> <p>8: Mother's Day</p> <p>22: Graduate Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>10-14: GraceWorks</p> <p>18-22: VBS</p> <p>31-Aug. 4th: Youth and Family Beach Trip</p> <p> More dates to come</p>

HAPPENINGS AT ILC

Little Free Pantry:

Persons in the community in need of food are using the The Little Food Pantry. Once or twice a week it is restocked. We are in need of the following foods:

- Soup
- Tuna fish - pouch or or pop top lid
- Fruit - individual servings
- Peanut Butter
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Pasta/Meat/Tomato Sauce - individual servings
- Oatmeal- individual servings

Please place foods in the gray plastic container located near the side door entrance. If the office is closed, place food directly into The Little Food Pantry on the side of the church on Simms St.

Please contact Marcy Coster-Schulz at 803-319-7873 with any questions. Thanks!

Oktoberfest

Next Oktoberfest meeting will be Thursday, April 21 at 6pm at the church. Team leaders are please requested to save the date and be present. We have a lot to do to plan for this year's festival. If you are interested in helping with Oktoberfest, please join us! Save the date for this year's festival -- Okt 7-9!

Flower Chart:

The 2022 flower is posted near the office. Please fill out a form and contact the office to sign up for a Sunday. \$15.00

Distanced Donuts:

Please continue to sign up for Distanced Donuts if you are able. We appreciate your help.

Offering Counters Needed:

We need a handful of folks who are willing to assist with offering counting. Counters work in teams of 2 on a 5 week rotation (approximately 10 times/year). The process usually takes no more than 30 minutes. Counting must be completed by Tuesday after your assigned Sunday. If interested in becoming a Counter, contact Amy Kinard (amyskinard@gmail.com).

From Linda Blazek:

March 17th was St. Patrick's day. He was a patron saint of Ireland and helped with the growth of Christianity throughout the Emerald Isle and of course that famous shamrock.

He explained the Christian idea of the divine Trinity by using something as simple as a shamrock – God's simultaneously three in one, as Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit was sometimes a challenge for people to grasp and understand.

St. Patrick did it this way: he looked around, and then plucked a lowly shamrock from the ground at his feet. Three leaves, he said, and yet one stem, one life. Add to that the shamrock's vibrant shade of green, the color of growth and vitality – and while it's easy to imagine a more technical, lengthy explanation of the Trinity, it's hard to imagine a better one.



SUMMER CAMP

The early-bird sign-up for camp this summer ends April 1st. Please remember, ILC's Foundation will cover 50% of camp cost. Check the links out below to see what's happening at each site.

Early Bird Pricing Ends April 1st!

There is just over a week left to receive the best price for summer camp. With several programs for campers of all ages at each of our four sites, there's plenty of exciting opportunities for this summer!

Visit the link below to see what's happening at each site.

<https://novusway.org/>



CONGREGATIONAL WORKDAY

We will be having a Congregational Workday on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Bring your work clothes!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



To give to LWR through the church, please make a check out to Incarnation Lutheran and write "Lutheran World Relief" in the memo line.

Watch March 13th's livestream to hear about the Lutheran World Relief's efforts to respond to critical needs in Ukraine. If you would like to donate to their cause, the link is below along with their situation report.

Situation Report: <https://lwr.org/technical-resources/situation-report-no-1-war-ukraine-0>



Easter Sunday Celebration Donations Needed:

Non-expired, individually-wrapped candy:
preferably candy that will not melt.

Thank you to those who have donated items
already!



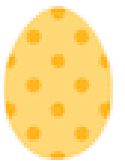
UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

APRIL AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Worship & Music - 12:00 pm	4 6:00 pm - Troop 8	5 Council Meeting 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	6 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 11:30 Bible Study: 5:45 pm - Weds. Lent Service 6:30 pm - Choir Practice	7 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm - Service	8 Good Friday 6:00 pm - Service	9 Holy Saturday Faith Formation Family Gathering: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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24 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday Worship 11:15 am - 12:00 pm: Handbell Practice	25 6:00 pm - Troop 8	26 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Group: Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm - Pack 8	27 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12 11:30 Bible Study: 6:30 pm - Choir Practice	28	29	30

Easter Word Search

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S K C I H C T E B P A R A D E
Y T P B Z E T M P M G E H Y S
D G X P N A R J B S P A A E S
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A K O O A E D N N T D T P I R
C B C E B T I A N E A E Y Y G
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D G E N I L I B U S F T G I S
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S K C U D C N L I B D O M V N
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Basket

Bonnet

Bunny

Candy

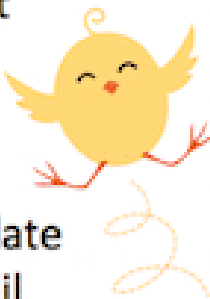
Chicks

Chocolate

Daffodil

Decorate

Ducks



Dye

Easter

Egg Hunt

Eggs

Family

Flowers

Grass

Happy

Jellybeans

Lily

Parade

Peeps

Rabbit

Spring

Sunday

Tradition

Tulips



GET IN TOUCH

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Worship: Sundays at 8:30 am and 10 a.m.

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

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