



BACK TO School

Blessing of the Backpacks

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH

Bring your backpacks to church at
10:00 am to be blessed for the
2023-2024 school year!



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SUMMER FUN!



Linda Blazek at Gatorland in Orlando, Florida! The Gator Gauntlet is accessible to park patrons with mobility challenges or other disabilities. The ride, which is wheelchair accessible, allows participants to travel 350 feet down a zip line, soaring over the park and its lake of giant alligators.



AUGUST PRAYER RESOURCES

For What Shall We Pray?

“For What Shall We Pray?” is a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA and includes prayer prompts, upcoming events and observances.

Prayer prompts:

- For rescue, recovery, and rebuilding following flooding in Vermont and other parts of New England...
- For all evacuated due to landslides in southern California...
- For cleanup and recovery efforts following flooding in Japan, India, and Pakistan...
- For wonder and joy to fill all who may view the Northern Lights this week...
- For renewed compassion, humility, and collaboration among political leaders, nationally and globally...
- For all victims of gun violence, especially in Forth Worth, TX; Portland, OR; Cincinnati, OH; Chicago, IL; and Montgomery, AL...
- For victims of the Mount Everest helicopter crash in Nepal...
- For earthquakes and volcanoes in Iceland...
- For peace in areas of war and conflict, especially Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Syria, and Haiti...

Prayers from ELCA resources:

A prayer for those who govern (ELW pg. 77)

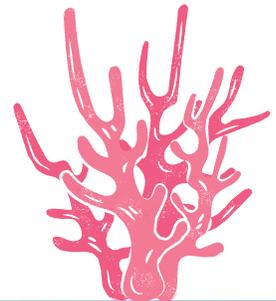
Almighty God, we lift before you all who govern [this state/province/city/town/etc.]. May those who hold power understand that it is a trust from you to use, not for personal glory or profit, but for the service of the people. Drive from us cynicism, selfishness, and corruption; grant in your mercy just and honest government; and give us grace to live together in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those affected by natural disasters (ACS pg. 49)

Save us, O God, for the waters are rising, and there is no firm place to stand. Life as we know it has been swept away. Draw near to us in this time of need and be our protection. Support us as we rebuild what has been ruined. Do not let us drown in our sorrow, but raise us to new life in your promise of rebirth, already claimed for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CDC

CDC Takes Barrier Island!



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

It is that time of year where we being preparing to go back to school. Just a week ago we had a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School. Through reading of scripture and learning from our Bible buddies we learned how to “Shine Jesus’ Light.” It was a fantastic week of fun and faith forming time! Thank you to everyone who volunteers and donating

Blessing of the Backpack and Back to School:

On Sunday, August 6th we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpack, lunchbox, teacher bag, etc., to be blessed and receive a backpack tag to remind you that God is with you throughout the day. After the service we will head to Mays Park for some fun. Bring a picnic for your family. Mays Park is a very shaded park located at 4100 Trenholm Road from 12 pm to 2 pm.

Holy Guacamole for August will be Thursday the 24th from 6 pm to 8 pm.

ILC Youth Group Movie Night:

The youth is playing a Movie Night. This is for all middle and high school youth to attend on Saturday, August 26th from 7 pm to 10:30 pm. Bring your own comfy camping chair, bean bag, a blanket, or whatever you think will make you comfortable to sit on the reception hall floor to watch a movie! There will be an email going out to the families to sign-up to bring food and drink.

Sunday School restart will be here before you know it. Children’s Sunday School will begin September 10th. To make this we are looking for Sunday School Teachers. Below is what it is like to be a Children’s Sunday School teacher at Incarnation. If you would like to be a part of this teaching team, contact Kimi (youth@incarnationlutheran.com).

- You’d be teaching with a partner.
- We’re asking for a commitment of one Sunday per month.
- Class is from 9:00 am to 9:45 am
- We provide the curriculum and craft supplies, and you’d follow a simple format of songs, a Bible story from a children's Bible, and an activity or craft.
- We will meet as a teaching group to have a sample lesson and to answer any questions you might have.

MUSIC

Calling all singers!

Dear ILC Friends,

It often occurs to me that some people who come into our church on Sunday might not know how to use our ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal, or any other Lutheran hymnal for that matter. I recently found two helpful videos on YouTube led by two Lutheran pastors showing how to use the ELW and other Lutheran hymnals. For example, do you know where the Psalms are located in our hymnal? Where do you find Luther's Small Catechism? How many settings of the communion liturgy are there in the ELW? Do the hymns start on page 1 or further on in the book? What does all of that information mean at the bottom of the page when you are looking at a hymn? I hope you will find these resources helpful in your spiritual learning.

Dr. Patrick Hawkins

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue_ekyrUoyQ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVLYE1fentQ>



STEWARDSHIP

Deceived by 'the lie of more'



And Jesus said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' -Luke 12:15

"The Andersons" looked uncomfortable as they explained why they couldn't give more. "We'd like to," Mrs. Anderson said, "but we're getting *killed* with bills." Mr. Anderson added, "We barely make ends meet." Swimming with stagnant wages against a tide of rising costs, millions of working families struggle to find even enough, but the Andersons' plight is different. They are blessed with excellent jobs and generous incomes. Sadly, they fell prey to "the lie of *more*" that drives our consumer culture. "The lie of more" deceives us into thinking that true happiness, true peace, true contentment is within our grasp – if we only have a little "more." So we grasp for more stuff, more wealth, more experiences. We often end up not only drowning in debt, but also less happy, less peaceful and less content. People of all incomes can become ensnared in "the lie of more." In its trap we squander our abundance for scarcity. Instead of living in the freedom and joy that Jesus spoke about in John 10:10, we live in the bondage of debt and stress.

Here are some ways to free yourself from "the lie of more":

- Pray regularly over your finances, thanking God for your income (whatever it is) and asking for wisdom and strength to live within your means.
- Use a household budgeting tool or work with a friend who is good with numbers to come up with a plan to immediately match your income with your bills.
- Develop a longer-term strategy to pay off credit cards.
- Pray over every expenditure: Is this a necessity or a want? Will this really bring me happiness? Does this fit into my budget strategy?
- Work towards a faith plan for your income, such as 10-10-80: Give away 10 percent, save 10 percent and live on 80 percent.
- Explore "financial literacy." Perhaps you could encourage your congregation to sponsor classes!
- As you started with prayer, continue to pray regularly over your finances.

No matter what our income, our lives are fuller and richer when we confront "the lie of more" and focus on the sources of true happiness: Our loving relationship with God and neighbor.

AUGUST AT INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6 10:00 Worship + Blessing of the Backpacks Worship & Music Meeting after Worship 12-2pm: Mays Park	7 6:00 pm - Troop 8	8 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 10:00 am - Quilting Sanctuary: Chapel 3:45 6:00 pm - Pack 8	9 Sanctuary: Chapel 11-12	10 6:00 pm Mary Martha Pizza Palace	11 OFest Mixing: 9-1 pm	12 OFest Baking: 9-1 pm
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Summer 2023:
 Quilting Group - Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
 Mary Martha - Every Second Thursday at 6:00 pm
 Holy Guacamole - Every Fourth Thursday at 6:00 pm

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

We have been filling in for Marcy while she is on vacation and have found that even though we stock twice a week, the pantry is almost empty by the time we restock. The items we have found to be the most popular are items that are in individual servings, such as fruit cups and small servings of meats, including chicken and tuna varieties in paper packing. Also popular are small cans with tops that pop off – Vienna sausages, SpaghettiOs, and lasagna. These are good for people who don't have the ability to cook. For families with the ability to cook, individual oatmeal, peanut butter, individual mac & cheese and canned vegetables and fruit are popular. Breakfast bars and peanut butter crackers are also popular. If you order take-out and are given plastic dinnerware, please consider putting these in the pantry.

Thank you for your donations!

-Connie and Dick Hinson

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

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