



# March The Contact

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Incarnation Lutheran Church



**South Carolina Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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## **In-person Worship has resumed!**

Worship will be streamed on Facebook. There is a direct link on our website as well. All bulletins will be posted on our website under the communications tab. We will be sending a sign-up link to you via e-mail every week.

## **Offering Envelopes**

We still have multiple offering envelopes at the front of the church. If you are unable to pick yours up, please contact the office and we will make sure we get it to you.

## **Thank you ILC Family!**

In January, our theme was “water” to remind us of our baptism. We collected 280 bottles of water and raised \$470 to contribute toward the building of a well in Africa! In February, our theme was “spread the love.” We collected 60 jars of peanut butter and canned goods for Harvest Hope.



## **Are you interested in going to the Synod Assembly?**

Delegates hear updates from the wider church, vote on resolutions while representing Incarnation, and meet other Lutherans from across the state. If you're interested in attending this year, please contact the church office.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee



### From the 100th Anniversary Committee

#### March 100th Anniversary Challenge

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

**In March, we will support a cause "worth marching in".**

Most of us won't be able to “march” or run in 5K races this spring to support our usual causes, so we will instead “march” in support of the **ELCA Good Gifts catalog** that supports the ministries of the ELCA around the world.

**Buy baby chicks, a piglet, honeybees, a goat, school supplies,** or many other options by going to [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).

**For as little as \$10,** you can buy little chicks, a fruit tree seedling, supplies for a backpack, a blanket, a mosquito net, or many other options that make the life of a family better. These make great items to **give in honor of someone you love** - put them in your Easter baskets this year!

**Then tell us what you have done so we can keep a list!** Call or email the office (“I got some honeybees!” “I bought some baby chicks!”) - it will be great to see our “barnyard” grow.

Also, don't forget to write prayers during Lent for those in our community and around the world who need our support. Deposit them in the wooden church building made by Tom Fryar outside the church office. We will open them for Easter. Happy Marching!

## *A Note from Pastor Emily*

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We are two weeks into Lent, and once again faithful followers of Christ are preparing their hearts and minds for the both the cross and the empty tomb of Easter morning. Of course, this year has felt like one long Lent. This time last year, states were preparing to shut down to hopefully slow the spread of this virus, and churches were developing contingency plans for worship. Since then, we have existed in a strange new normal, one where masks, distancing, and hand sanitizer have become part of our daily routines. My mind can't quite get around the fact that we're a year into this pandemic, and yet, here we are, a second Lent spent in a mask.

In many ways, I am thankful that our denomination makes use of a liturgical calendar. It has been a way to ground ourselves in our faith, marking time as the faithful have done for centuries, reminding us that this, too, will pass. I have always liked the cycle of the liturgical calendar. It gives shape to our time together and reminds us, at various points, to slow down and spend some time reflecting on what this next season of life will bring.

In normal years, we would be spending this time in prayer, meditation, and scripture study. We would be undertaking Lenten disciplines and spiritual practices. But this year is different. I have found myself spending more time seeking patience and grace. My time spent in in God's word has seemed less about study, and more about seeking both guidance and comfort. To be honest, I didn't even "give something up" or "take on something new" this year as I would have normally done. Instead, this Lent has been about making do and getting through, as my grandmother used to say.

But our calendar reminds us that the cycle continues; Easter will eventually come, and new life will burst out of the tomb.

We are beginning to see reminders of this in the early flowering trees and bushes. Just yesterday, I happened across a beautiful patch of daffodils on my daily walk. We have lived in this home for nearly seven years, and this is the first time I have ever seen them bloom. It was a welcome reminder that new life is everywhere, sometimes hidden up until the moment that it pops up in full bloom.

Have a blessed Lent,

Pastor Emily



## Kidz Korner

March is here which means St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner! St. Patrick's Day is March 17th but why do we celebrate it? The legend says that St. Patrick used a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to those who didn't understand. St. Patrick explained that the three leaves of the shamrock stood for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and they are all still one shamrock. Three persons in one God. We know that the Holy Trinity is a mystery and we do not fully understand it and that's okay. However, this was the best way St. Patrick could explain it. This month and especially on March 17th, remember that even though we don't fully understand the Holy Trinity, we are loved by God.

Enjoy the activity below and remember to wear green on March 17th!



## Looking forward to summer? Early Bird registration ends March 15th!

Registration is available on the Lutheridge and Lutherock websites for programs all summer long.

### Summer camp scholarships available!

Thanks to the generosity of the Incarnation Foundation, we are once again able to provide camp scholarships for anyone attending Lutheran camps this summer. After you register, simply turn in your receipt to the church office to be reimbursed up to half the cost of camp.

Follow the links below to Lutheridge and Lutherock's pages for Summer Camp Registration!

<https://www.lutheridge.org/summer-camps>





Many thanks to Ms. Michelle, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Katie, and Mrs. Nora for facilitating our e-learning this school year. We could not have done it without you all.

We are off to five-day face to face learning next week! YAY!



Way to go two's and toddler's classes on another successful fire drill!



## Upcoming Events in March

### Sunday Worship:

Sunday Worship will be resuming in-person on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up link will be e-mailed to you weekly. This service will also be live streamed on Facebook at 10 am. Bulletins are posted on the ILC website and are available to pick up at the office Fridays between 9-1 pm.

### Bible Study:

Wednesdays at noon, Incarnation will be hosting a short devotional Bible study. Bible study will be held over Zoom and the office will email out the link for the meeting each Wednesday morning.



**Holy Week Schedule**

PALM SUNDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 28 AT 10 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY - THURSDAY, APRIL 1 AT 6 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - FRIDAY, APRIL 2 AT 6 PM

EASTER SUNDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH AT 9 & 11 AM  
(TENTATIVELY PLANNED)

WE WILL HOST AN EGG HUNT ON EASTER MORNING BETWEEN THE  
9AM AND 11AM SERVICES. BRING YOUR BASKETS AND HELP US  
FIND SOME EGGS!

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