

MAY 2021



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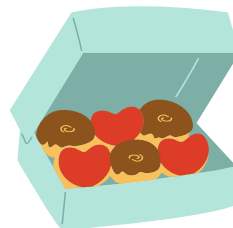
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DISTANCED DONUTS

Make sure to join us for "Distanced Donuts" after Sunday Worship (weather permitting). If you would like to supply donuts, please contact Savannah at youth@incarnationlutheran.com



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR EMILY:

Happy Easter! What a wonderful season in the church year, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. With vaccination numbers continuing to climb, it also feels like a time to rejoice over the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel. While we are not there yet, it does feel like we get a little bit closer to a normal schedule every day. As I sit here in my office, with a mug of coffee by my elbow, it occurs to me that, even though I've been here with you for nearly ten months, I still don't know what "normal" looks like for Incarnation Lutheran church. In fact, it's been so long since we've been able to gather and do "normal" things, that perhaps the church as a whole has forgotten as well.

While we all long to get back to the way things used to be, I do find myself wondering if there is something greater in store for us than just "a return to normal". After the upheaval and loss of this past year, I wonder if God is calling us to use this in-between time as an opportunity for growth and change; a rebirthing of the church and our mission. It's certainly the season for it, and this is a church full of possibilities. In fact, our field education student, Lorie Gladyness, shared with our council that, to her eye, Incarnation is in the process of rebuilding. I think she's absolutely right.

There are already exciting things happening here that portend change and rebirth: we will be confirming eight youth into our church membership, plans for a backyard pavilion to benefit both the church and the community are under review, the renovation that has added to our already beautiful space has been completed, an organ dedication is being planned for this summer with evening concerts for the community, our CDC ministries continue to benefit our communities, and we are continuing our celebration of our 100th anniversary.

As we continue this process of rebuilding and rebirth, I hope we also continue to engage with and explore God's call for this church for our next one hundred years of ministry. One thing that I know for sure is that we will only be able to do that effectively if the whole church is participating in the life of the Incarnation. We need each and every one of you. If our adult, youth, and children's ministry are going to be successful, it's going to be because our families show up and bring their enthusiasm and their friends. If we are going to engage in outreach effectively, it's going to be because the church has made that its priority.

I think you see where I'm going with this. The church is only the church when its people show up and get involved. We have a lot of faithful, active members in this church, and I give thanks for you all every day. As we continue to get closer to "normal", my prayer for us is that we will also continue to open our hearts, minds, and imaginations to what Incarnation Lutheran Church can be for both us and for our community.

Easter blessings be with you and yours this season,
Pastor Emily

COUNCIL UPDATES

Council President: Kim Yerrick

- FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Giving is down \$4,419 compared to last year at this time.
- CDC: Proposal for renovations and conversion of the chapel room at Byron Rd. for \$23K from Springhill Construction. Getting others to quote. Needing work done by September at the latest. CDC can write a check rather than finance.
- OKTOBERFEST: Oktoberfest team will make decision in May and leaning towards having a normal event based on Covid numbers declining and vaccination availability.
- ILC COVID 19: Cub Scouts had not been meeting, but offer has been made to use the CDC with Incarnation Covid protocols.
- ILC BACKYARD TASK FORCE: Randy Huth sent new drawing and need to discuss with Oktoberfest people and then call task force back together to discuss.
- 100th ANNIVERSARY/ARCHIVES: Easter reception was very nice. New banner every month to describe church history. Original church pictures being made available. July might be an opportunity to have new church renovation dedication.
- IT/SECURITY: Security camera has been installed. Call in to Johnson Controls for updating alarm system. \$900 per quarter. Trying to figure out charge increases and impact on insurance. Rekeying went well.
- OUTREACH: Beloved event (like the fireside fellowship) slated for September.
- PERSONNEL: Liaison: Review & update policy, staff self evaluations, June/July staff evaluations
- PROPERTY: Randy and he checked the roof. Cleaned drains. Put on some roof sealing tape. Need to wait until a rain to check if the fix is adequate. Back flow testing was completed and submitted. HVAC system had to be switched from heat to air by company (Pardee).
- DECORATING: Decorating committee identified the purpose of main rooms. Next month will present plans.
- WORSHIP & MUSIC: Kirkegaard is doing speaker evaluation and can give a low (minimal fix), medium, and high (most effective fix) for the sound issues in the sanctuary. Pentecost service plans and confirmation class plans. Bach festival this summer.

MUSIC

Dr. Patrick Hawkins, Organist

Dear Incarnation Friends,

As many of you are aware, the Music and Worship Committee approved the hiring of a paid soprano section leader to help support the congregational singing during the Covid pandemic this Spring. We were very lucky to have had Emma Schwertfuehrer, a Freshman Voice Performance major, at the USC School of Music join us. Emma's last Sunday will be the first Sunday of May, because she will be returning to Virginia for her Summer break from college.

The choir has said that they have really valued having Emma as part of the ensemble. Indeed, she has been a gift to us! Some of you may be aware that Incarnation Lutheran Church has a music endowment fund. This small pool of money has come in very usual of the years in paying for professional musicians at feast day celebrations and also will be used to help pay for our upcoming organ dedication recital in July of 2021.

On behalf of the Music Ministry at Incarnation, I encourage you to consider making a yearly contribution to this music fund. Our hope is to be able to have enough money in our account to have Emma return in the late Summer/early Fall and to possibly add a paid male section leader to the ensemble to balance our female voices. A weekly amount of \$160 would allow us to reach this goal during the academic year. Just think...if 32 families made a \$5 weekly contribution, then we could easily meet this goal and increase the level of choral singing at every Sunday service.

Our other goals from this fund will be to co- host a bi-annual Bach Festival with the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary for organists across the country; to provide new choir robes for the members of the adult choir; and to be able to host guest musicians at Advent and/or Lenten services. Your continued financial support can help make all of these possible. I thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry. If you are able to make a contribution, please go to incarnationlutheran.com, and click "Online Giving" on the home page. There is a link to the music fund.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Patrick Hawkins
Director of Music and Organist

CDC

Byron Road Update



Thanks Riley and Troop 8!

Our Child Development Center on Byron Road received a backyard upgrade. This was due in part to Riley Simons, a scout of troop 8, here at Incarnation. Riley's Eagle Scout project involved renourishing several of our plant beds and power washing several concrete areas. He and a group of scouts and adult leaders spent a Saturday removing old plants, tilling beds, planting perennials, bushes, and mulching. They did an awesome job and we are very thankful. Well done to Riley and his team!

FAITH FORMATION

Kidz Korner

Mother's Day is right around the corner! We celebrate all moms on May 8th this year. Our Mothers do so much for us that sometimes we don't exactly know how to say, "Thank you!"

The best way to say it is to show it. Spend the day helping your parents by doing small things to make their day easier. If you get good at it, you might decide to do it everyday of the year!

Share this prayer with your mom and family this Mother's Day; and print out the coloring page to add to a card.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

On this special day set aside to honor mothers we ask for a special touch from the Lord for each and every one of them. May each mother in this room be granted a special blessing, and may all of the work of her hands not be forgotten in Your sight.

Let her example to her children be a guiding force in their lives, and may wisdom be passed down to the next generation of mothers.

Amen.

FAITH FORMATION

Kidz Korner



*Homemade
Catholicity*

REOPENING TASK FORCE

COVID-19 Updates for Worship and Meetings

As we continue to slowly re-open the church both to church groups and to outside groups, we will continue to follow the best-practice protocols that we have developed over the past year. Until the vaccine is available to all ages, we will continue to have vulnerable populations in our midst and we want to do our best to keep them healthy and safe. Thank you so much for your understanding and flexibility this year.

For Worship and Meetings:

- Anyone experiencing or exhibiting Covid-like symptoms should stay home.
- Masks must be worn while inside.
- Online sign-up will be used for worship purposes to ensure a limited number of attendees for social distancing. Groups meeting at the church are also encouraged to use some form of sign-up.
- Attendees are encouraged to use hand sanitizer. The Church will provide hand sanitizer, available around the sanctuary and throughout the buildings.
- 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.
- For group meetings, ensure that meetings held inside church buildings can accommodate family pods at six-foot distances. Do not exceed the number needed to ensure this -- the number will vary by each room.
- Discourage the use of materials that must be handled by multiple people not in the same household.

Safety Precautions

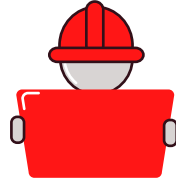
CDC hand-washing guidelines will be posted in bathrooms.

Facilities will be cleaned thoroughly following use.

Masks and sanitizer are available at the front of the church in the narthex, or upon request.

THANK YOU!

BACKYARD TASK FORCE



The Backyard Task Force has met several times now and refined initial drawings from the awesome Randy Huth. Randy will continue to work towards a plan that works for the church, the CDC, Oktoberfest, and potentially, rental opportunities. Currently, the plans include removing the existing garage, utilizing the CDC basement for storage, a parking lot similar to the CDC parking lot, a worship/Oktoberfest pavilion and a single family restroom. Phase 1 would include garage demolition and parking lot build, and Phase 2 including the pavilion and restroom would occur after this year's Oktoberfest. Of course, all is contingent on funding, so stay tuned for more information soon.

OKTOBERFEST



A small subset of the Oktoberfest team met in early March to determine the feasibility of hosting our 10th Oktoberfest Columbia in 2021. The team came up with various scenarios to a Covid-friendly Oktoberfest, including a full-on festival just like we've had in the past, a limited-seating festival, and a drive-through meal/beer distribution. The team also has several cost-cutting ideas for this year. The team will meet this month and make the final determination. Stay tuned.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Cal Johnson

Stewardship Update:

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank our congregation for their continued support of the church and community. In these historic times, amid numerous competing needs, you have continued to meet personal giving commitments, and we are especially grateful for your invaluable contributions of time, talent and service.

Please contact us if you would like to share insights, volunteer for tasks, or join the team. Current team members are Mary Karl Boepple, Teresa Boykin, Cal Johnson, and Debbie Shurr.

We are open to fresh ideas regarding communications, programs, and meaningful data, as we plan our 2021 pledge drive needs and stewardship learning sessions.

Thank you!



100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

May Challenge

In May, in honor of Mother's Day, we are showing appreciation for all mothers. We are collecting 100 items consisting of toiletries or gifts for the Women's Shelter. Please collect shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, body spray, bubble bath, small bars of soap, etc., or provide Dollar General, Dollar Tree, or hair cut gift cards to make someone's day brighter. Bring your contributions to the church office.

It's not too late to observe our April challenge, to plant a garden or plants to celebrate new life. If you plant fruits or vegetables, share your harvest with others. If you can't plant a garden, make a donation to "Harvest" Hope instead!



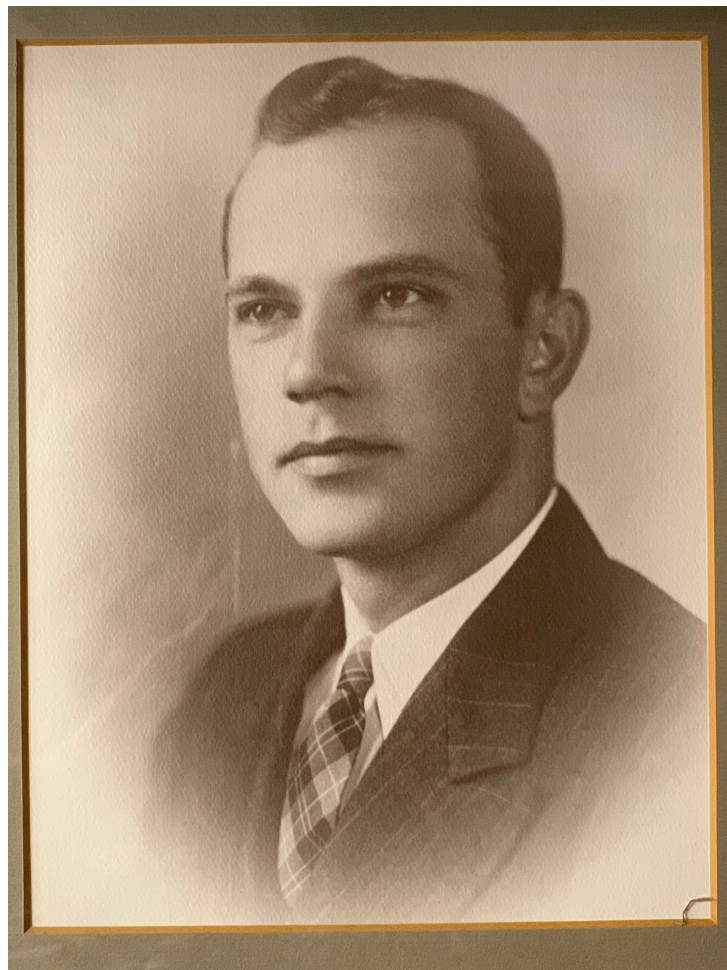
Check out the historical banners posted outdoors on the iron fence in front of the CDC building, featuring the 1920s, 1930s and 1940's. Throughout the year, each decade will follow!

Thanks to Leslie Skinner and her dedicated crew for the lovely modified and still socially-distanced outdoor celebration held between our two services on Easter Sunday. See the pictures posted on our Facebook page. All of the efforts to make it a joyful celebration, in spite of the pandemic, were appreciated by all. If you were not present to receive your anniversary pin, please contact Leslie!

100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

1940's Fun Facts

- Incarnation began the 1940s worshipping in the little stone sanctuary, built in 1928. The original wooden sanctuary now served as a “Parish Hall,” providing Sunday School space for youth and children. Adults held Sunday School classes in the sanctuary.
- Popular Pastor Palmer Pierce (pictured below) received a one-year leave of absence to serve as a military chaplain in early 1941. Little did either he or the congregation know that it would become a permanent “leave” after Pearl Harbor on December 7th.



Palmer Pierce, pastor of ILC from 1939-1941

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1 7:00 pm - Fireside Fellowship	2 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship Worship and Music after Service
3 9:00 - 11:00 am - Reception Hall: Tiny Dancers (CDC)	4 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 5:00 pm - Personnel Meeting	5 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study 6:00 pm - Handbells	6 6:30 pm - Oktoberfest Meeting 6:-45-8 pm in Sanctuary: Palmetto Chamber Rehearsal	7	8	9 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship
10 Pastor Emily Off 9:00 - 11:00 am - Reception Hall: Tiny Dancers (CDC)	11 Pastor Emily Off 10:00 am - Staff Meeting 6:30 pm - CDC Meeting	12 Pastor Emily Off 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study 6:00 pm - Handbells	13 Pastor Emily Off 6:-45-8 pm in Sanctuary: Palmetto Chamber Rehearsal	14 Charlotte Off	15	16 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship
17 Charlotte Off 9:00 - 11:00 am - Reception Hall: Tiny Dancers (CDC)	18 Charlotte Off 10:00 am - CDC 4's Recognition	19 9:00 am - Staff Meeting 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study 6:00 pm - Handbells	20 6:-45-8 pm in Sanctuary: Palmetto Chamber Rehearsal	21	22	23 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship - Confirmation Sunday
24 9:00 - 11:00 am - Reception Hall: Tiny Dancers (CDC)	25 10:00 am - Staff Meeting	26 12:00 pm - Zoom Bible Study 6:00 pm - Handbells	27 6:-45-8 pm in Sanctuary: Palmetto Chamber Rehearsal	28	29	30 9:00 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am - Sunday Worship - Graduation Sunday
31 9:00 - 11:00 am - Reception Hall: Tiny Dancers (CDC)						

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Organ Recitals



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:

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Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m. Live streamed on Facebook.

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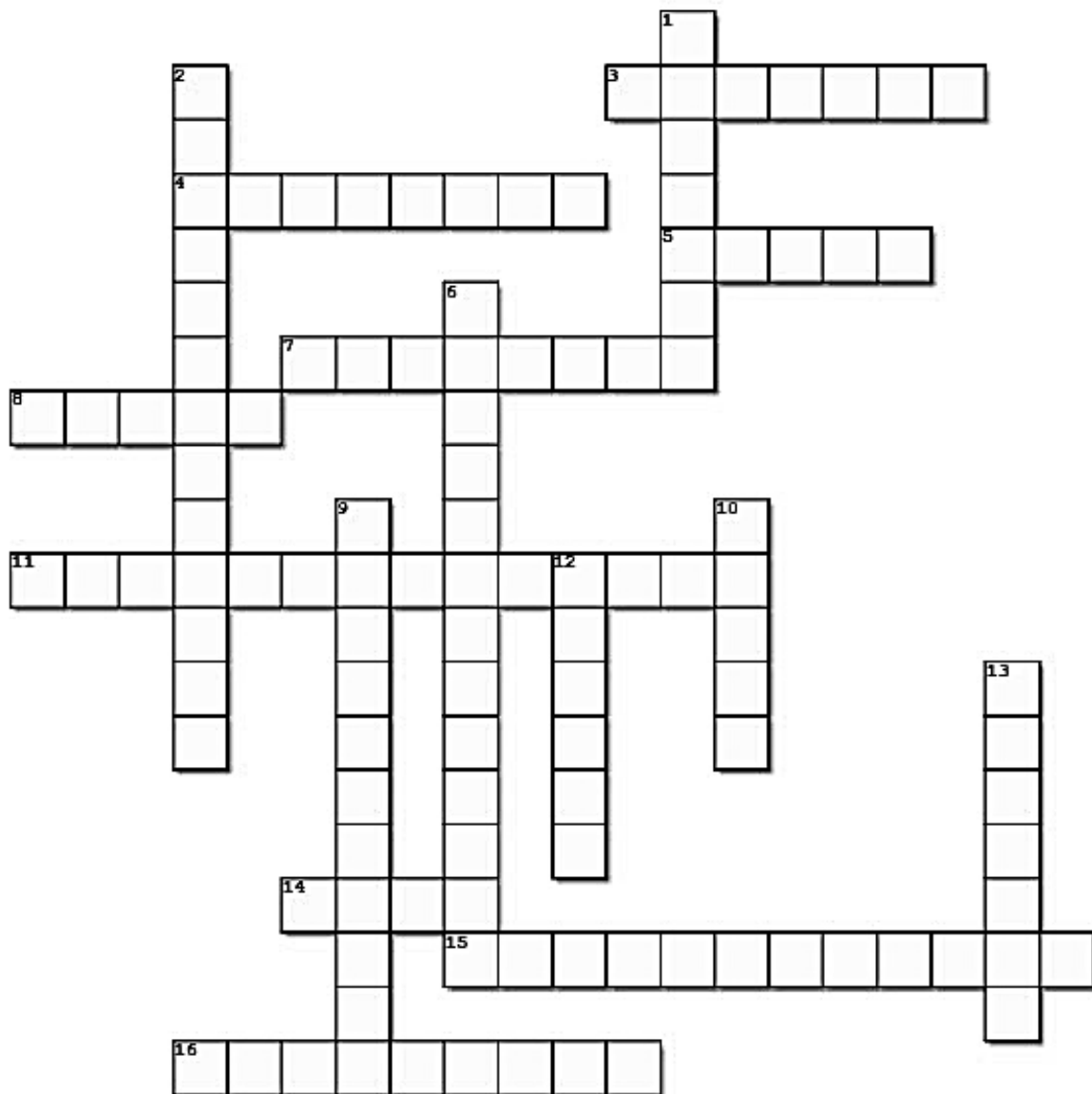
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Christ is Risen!



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Across

3. The most famous of eggs.
4. Teacher
5. Presided over the first White House Egg Roll.
7. Gains his freedom instead of Jesus
8. This disciple runs to the tomb.
11. Traditional Greek Easter greeting.
14. The beloved disciple.
15. This island is famous for its statues.
16. This Joseph had a spare tomb to lend.

Down

1. Loses an ear during Jesus' arrest
2. Also known as March 20th, 2021
6. The disciple present at the empty tomb in every gospel.
9. Species of Lily particular to Easter
10. Days of Eastertide
12. Jesus appears on the road to this town.
13. Origin of the easter egg.