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Souper Bowl Sunday



On **Super Bowl Sunday (February 5th)**, we at Incarnate Word have a unique way of celebrating – with SOUP!! Thus we call it Souper Bowl Sunday – with an opportunity for all to **enjoy some super soups prepared by our volunteers, for purchase to take home to enjoy** with your Super Bowl watching or just to make the day special. Our Word in Action committee is presenting this annual fund raiser for the Dominican Republic Health Initiative. **To volunteer to make soup, bread or other baked goods to enjoy with soup, please sign up at the bulletin board after church on Sunday, January 29th.** Quart sized containers will be available at fellowship hour and in the office to use to bring your soup (often folks will freeze it ahead and bring it in that way for ease of handling). We will be selling the soup and baked goods after church February 5th. Call Joanne Lembach at 698-4188 with any questions.

Adult Mission Trip to Washington, D.C.

On **Sunday, February 5th** Pastor Doug will be holding a brief informational meeting after worship for those who are interested in finding out more about a proposed mission trip to our nation's capital in the fall of this year. As in years past, we will live and work at Luther Place Memorial Church in downtown D.C., as well as serve the homeless in other locations. Of course, there will be time for sightseeing, as well as, Pastor Doug's infamous nighttime monument tour. Our meeting will take place in the Conference Room. Please see Pastor Doug if you have any questions.



Music at Incarnate Word Continues in February



Music Series

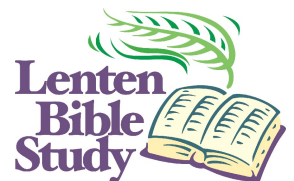
Sincerest thanks are offered to all who assisted and attended our Advent and Epiphany events as part of the *Music at Incarnate Word* series.

Our 31st season continues on **Sunday, February 12th** with a service of **Vespers at 7:00 p.m.** This will be followed by an *Abendmusik* recital at **7:45 p.m.** which will feature the return of Rochester's critically-acclaimed professional ensemble, *Voices* to Incarnate Word. Founded by Eastman

School of Music professor William Weinert, *Voices* has been performing the complete motets of Johann Sebastian Bach in Rochester-area venues throughout their 2011-2012 season. For their performance at Incarnate Word, they will combine three of Bach's motets with works by other members of Bach's musical family, and will be joined by instrumentalists from the Eastman School of Music. *Voices* was a musical highlight from our 2010-2011 season of *Music at Incarnate Word*, and we greatly look forward to their return in February. All are invited to this special evening of music, worship and fellowship!

Lenten Bible Study Begins March 6th

Instead of giving something up this Lent, take something on. **Join us Tuesday evenings during the month of March at 7:00 p.m.** for a Lenten Bible Study of the gospel of Mark. Even if you've never attended a Bible study before, join us for this 4 week informal discussion of the earliest gospel written – no previous Bible study experience is necessary.



The Scroll

Pastor's Corner

If you have passed by my office at any time in the past couple of weeks, you have noticed that the window on my door is covered with paper; lots of paper. Though my covered-up window obscures nothing dubious or unethical, what it does keep out of sight are disheveled bookcases, piles of paper on ledges and an unopened 64-ounce jug of lemonade flavored "beverage" left over from an LYO event here at church.

Only now, as the rush and excitement of Christmas has begun to subside, have I begun to tackle these unsightly blemishes to a normally beautiful office. And rest assured, once the clean-up has come to completion, the old bulletin paper covering my window will find its rightful way to the nearest recycling bin.

I suppose "normal" people would simply pick up the piles of paper littering their desktops and throw them into recycling bins en masse. But not me. Every paper gets a thorough study before it leaves the cluttered confines of my office. And only after I have journeyed down memory lane, or in my case "amnesia lane" do I let the individual sheet of paper go.

Let me tell you what I found last week. In addition to finding a fairly accurate sketch of a space shuttle lifting off its launch pad doodled tastefully by my son on the front of an old Pentecost bulletin, I also came across a copy of the survey taken by our congregation back in 2006 when we first began to imagine a renewed and transformed mission of being here in the city for good. I know this sounds a bit hokey, but I then carried this survey in my hand and walked through every renovated part of our building, reflecting on the journey we have taken to get to this point and giving thanks to God for your courage and faithfulness in passing on a strong legacy of mission for generations to come.

And so it is in this spirit of reflection and thanksgiving, that Joanne and I wish to give each and every one of you the opportunity to reflect on where we, as a congregation, have been over these past few years and invite you to continue dreaming with us of a future where the seeds of growth and mission have taken root and blossomed wondrously here in this place and in our beloved city.

To this end, in the coming weeks, you will be receiving a call from a member of the congregation inviting you to attend a "cottage meeting" either in their home or at the church. This meeting will give you the opportunity to be in prayer and conversation with Joanne and me as well as a small group of others from our congregation some of whom you may already know and others you may not yet know very well. At these meetings you will also be invited to take home with you a newly revised "time and talent" survey, pray over it and return with it on Sunday, March 25th, "Commitment Sunday".

Once my office is presentable, the tattered bulletin covers adorning the window in my door will come down. But until then, I will continue to meticulously sift through each and every sheet of paper regardless of how large or small it may be. Who knows what treasured memory I will unearth? But of this I do know. With each story and memory evoked by these piles, I will give thanks to God for your part in that story which has helped to bring this congregation to this exciting and faithful time of being planted here in the city for good.

Looking forward to prayer and conversation with you,
Pastor Doug

New Members Received!



Welcome
Our New
Members

On Sunday, December 18th the following new members were received into the Incarnate Word family: **Jenna Cross; Ray & Pat Elliott; Frank & Lynn Hanrahan; Walt Nelson; Michael & Sharilyn Ross and children, Megan, Erin & Aiden; and Christine & Joe Sproule.**

Bio for Joe & Chris Sproule – After having resided in the Corning area for the past several years, Joe and Chris returned to the Rochester area where they had lived prior to Joe's retirement from the West Irondequoit School District where he served as Superintendent of Schools. Chris is employed as Director at a family foundation headquartered in Corning. Joe and Chris have traveled widely in recent years highlighted with trips to Western USA, Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean. This past summer they enjoyed Alaska with their 15 year old grandson. When not traveling, gardening or enjoying sporting events, the Sproule's are busy with their immediate family which includes four children and nine grandchildren.

Please watch future *Scrolls* for more bios on our other new members!!



Capital Campaign Update

Eighteen months into a three-year multi-project effort, we are already able to put our improved spaces to work. Thanks be to God! Surviving the disruption has given way to a different kind of happy chaos – What now? Where should we start? What can we do next?

Two things are necessary over the short-term, strong financial giving to successfully complete this phase of Building our Future and strong follow-through on current and new mission work. It appears we are well on our way to both.

Our accomplishments have renewed our hope in making a difference in our community. We have the right tools and there is a re-energized spirit for our tasks causing ideas to flow. The paint, piping, wires and landscaping have obviously transformed more than our building.

Our accomplishments have renewed our confidence. As the Sunday prayers and messages have conveyed, the completion of facility improvements is the beginning of new ministry opportunities for our congregation. We are able to proceed with trust knowing that the hand of God that opened our hearts to investing in these improvements is the one leading us to serve others in new and exciting ways.

Our accomplishments have been motivating. Members are making suggestions for further enhancements. We've barely dusted ourselves off and new ideas are already surfacing. This is what thriving congregations do – continuously plan and support capital improvements to further mission.

Thanks be to God!

The Chili Cook-Off Was a Success!!



Cold day and hot chili! That's what we had on January 15th. It was a very lively event around six chilies, some “traditional,” one white, one from another continent. The Fellowship Hall filled with 43 people tasting those chilies. Several people had real difficulties choosing just one to be the best, because they all were so GOOD. Some voted for all or several to win. However, we were able to figure out the winner and the runner up.

The winning chili was Liberian Pumpkin chili, which recipe was fine-tuned by its cook, Walt Nelson. The second place went to Kim Byers' white chili served by Rich Byers. Other cooks were Patti Elliott, BJ Gottorff (served by Joanne Lembach), Dana McIver and Kathy Schulze.

We made \$305.30 for the ELCA World Hunger. Thanks for all who participated!

2011 Tax Statements

The 2011 Tax Statements are available at church. **We do not mail them – please call the church office if you cannot get to church and want your statement mailed to you.**

LYO February News



February 10th is the day! Our internationally famous **LYO Lock-In!** (After all, last year's lock-in included all things Canadian!) We will begin the evening by seeing our own Jonathan Madden in Magical Journey Through Stages' production of *The Wiz*. Tickets for the show are \$12 if purchased in advance, \$15 at the door. We'll meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. and go to the Auditorium Theater together. Parents are invited to join us for *The Wiz*.

Then it's back to the church for a night filled with ... sleep???? Probably not. Games, movies, food, and fun – definitely!

Sign up on the LYO bulletin board, or call Pastor Doug or Pastor Joanne if you plan to join us. It will be a great night you won't want to miss, so be there! All kids in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to be a part of LYO.

Adult Forum Schedule

Join us each Sunday at 11:00 in the Auditorium by the stage for timely, interesting, and thought-provoking topics. This month's topics include:

- February 5** Lutheran Campus Ministry - Come hear about how the church reaches out to college students, providing worship and fellowship events. IW supports campus ministry at RIT by providing financial support through our Outreach Funding Team. The LYO and other members of our congregation also provide meals several times throughout the year on Sunday evenings for RIT students who attend the Lutheran worship.
- Feb. 12 & 19** A look at *Reconciling in Christ* - Come learn more about this ministry to gay and lesbian folks who are seeking welcome places for worship and community. Pastors Doug and Joanne will talk about the Reconciling in Christ ministry, and discuss how we can become a welcoming congregation to the gay and lesbian community.
- February 26** Come share in the discussion of Diana Butler Bass's book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith*. From the introduction: "Mainline renewal is, as one Lutheran pastor told me, 'not rocket science.' As he said, 'You preach the gospel, offer hospitality, and pay attention to worship and people's spiritual lives. Frankly, you take Christianity seriously as a way of life.'" Through the lens of a number of diverse congregations, Bass shows how churches are going about doing this. An intriguing, hope-filled and inspiring book, you won't want to miss this great discussion.

Fellowship in Narthex/Sanctuary

A significant change necessitated during the construction was the relocation of Sunday fellowship from the downstairs auditorium into the East Avenue narthex, thus keeping us free and clear from the construction zone of the kitchen. As time went on, an amazing discovery was made. And that is that fellowship time took on an almost festive nature around the sanctuary space and more and more visitors began to stick around like never before, and got to know us. This past December, a significant number of folks joined our congregation and all were in agreement that your friendliness was key in helping them feel genuinely welcomed. Even now, we continue to be blessed with Sunday morning visitors sticking around for fellowship hour. This we believe is due in large part to the fact that visitors no longer have to figure out how to get downstairs to join us in fellowship. Bearing all this in mind, and with the support of the congregation council, fellowship time will remain upstairs with accommodations being made for those who need a comfortable place to sit. We are indeed blessed to have such beautiful space available to us along with welcoming folk who epitomize the ideal of Biblical hospitality.



Fellowship Hour

Parish Notes

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

- **Margret Roberts** on the death of her mother, **Anna Oestreich**, on December 13th in Germany;
- **Jeanette Keim and Cindy McPhail and family** on the death of their husband and father, **Bob Keim** on December 23rd;
- **Lynne Phelps and family** on the death of her mother, **Betty Lou Bommer**, on January 5th in Pittsburgh.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity with prayers, cards and calls, over the past months. We appreciate all your thoughtfulness.

Dawn, Jon and Elsa Lindboom

To My Dear Family at LCIW, Thank you for cookies, visits, cards and prayers during my hospital and rehab stay. It helped to make the Christmas time merry and the New Year Day happy. I hope to be warming a pew soon.

Faithfully yours, Mary Jane Fries

With cards, calls and kind remembrances so many of you have given us strength in the loss of my beloved Mom. You have supported us in a difficult time and we are deeply grateful.

Lynne Phelps and Family

February Worship Assistants

Date	February 5 Epiphany 5	February 12 Epiphany 6	February 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord	February 22 Ash Wednesday	February 26 Lent 1
Scriptures	Isaiah 40:21-31, I Corinth. 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 5:1-14, I Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45	2 Kings 2:1-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, 2 Corinth. 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15
Lector		Elsa Lindboom	Barb Gottorff	7:30 pm David Uhazie	Lizzie Stewart
Prayers	Margret Roberts	Elizabeth Phillips	Ann Cefalu	7:30 pm Tom Madden	Catherine Smith
Communion Assistants	Elsa Lindboom, Jonathan Madden, Margret Roberts, Ulrika Davidsson	Doug Uhazie, Ethan Madden, Kirsten Frauens, Lizzie Stewart	Donna Holtz, Joanne Lembach, Lisa Frauens, Jonathan Trost	7:30 pm Margret Roberts	Donna Bott, Sue Rock, Richard Byers, Ann Cefalu
Acolyte	Ian Stewart	Elsa Lindboom	Scott Bagley	7:30 pm: Lizzie Stewart	Jonathan Madden
Crucifer	Jonathan Madden	Lizzie Stewart	Ian Stewart	7:30 pm: Ian Stewart	Ethan Madden
Bread Baker	Krestie Utech	Jean Weber	Joyce Schencke	XXX	Ingrid Mikk
Communion Preparers	Maxine Nelson, Eila Harkonen-Hart	Joanne Lembach, Dana Mclver	Arlene Gashlin, Jeanette Keim	Noon: Donna Holtz 7:30 pm: Jeanette Keim	Pat Elliott, Karen Gagie
Hosts	Robert Davis & Ingrid Mikk	Jack Pickering, Steve Spring	Maxine Nelson, Margret Roberts	XXX	Bill & Jean Weber
Ushers	Ellen Dean, Dave O'Mara, Richard Byers, Kim Byers, Jeff Schug	Ray & Susan Rock, Bob & Marcia Lewis, Ed & Donna Bott, Patty Elliott	Jim Fuehrer, Donna Kocienski, Karen Gagie, Gary Caldwell	John Callard, James Gashlin, David Uhazie, John Matteson, Michael Frauens	Jill O'Mara, Jack Pickering, Steve Spring, Jonathan Trost, Pat Fuehrer
Council in Office	David Hamilton	Bill Weber	Tom Madden		Carol Matteson
Fellowship Hour	Mike & Lisa Frauens	Dana Mclver, Jonathan Trost	Paul & Barbara Mitacek		David & Lori Uhazie

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, February 2

7:00 pm Cottage Meeting

Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

Sunday, February 5 (Epiphany 5)

9:30 am Holy Communion

Souper Sunday

10:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Adult Education

11:30 am Youth Choir

6:00 pm Confirmation

Monday, February 6

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 pm Handworkers Meeting

7:00 pm Cottage Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

7:30 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, February 9

Friday, February 10

LYO Lock-In

Saturday, February 11

9:30 am Rehearsal for Vespers

Sunday, February 12 (Epiphany 6)

9:30 am Holy Communion

10:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Adult Education

11:30 am Youth Choir

7:00 pm Music Series

Monday, February 13

6:45 pm Devotions

7:00 pm All Committee Night

Tuesday, February 14

Wednesday, February 15

7:30 pm Senior Choir

Thursday, February 16

12:00 pm Cottage Meeting

Friday, February 17

Saturday, February 18

Sunday, February 19

(Transfiguration of Our Lord)

9:30 am Holy Communion

10:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Adult Education

11:30 am Youth Choir

****Scroll Deadline****

Monday, February 20

President's Day - Office Closed

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 21

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

12:15 pm Imposition of Ashes

7:30 pm Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 23

Friday, February 24

Saturday, February 25

5:00 pm Mustard Seed Kitchen

Sunday, February 26 (Lent 1)

9:30 am Holy Communion

10:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Adult Education

11:30 am Youth Choir

RAIHN Arrives

Monday, February 27 RAIHN

7:00 pm Cottage Meeting

Tuesday, February 28 RAIHN

Wednesday, February 29 RAIHN

7:30 pm Senior Choir