

Church of the Incarnation

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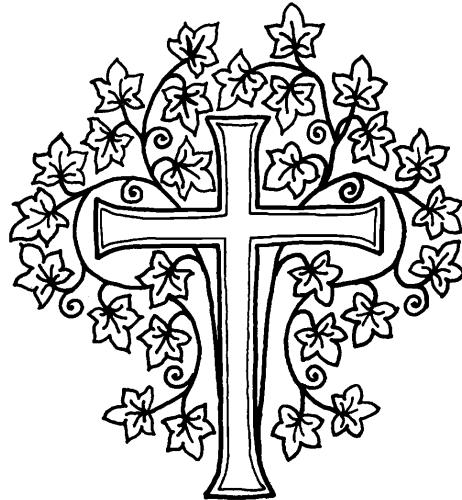
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The Messenger—May 2022



Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

A WORD FROM OUR PRIEST

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

First, what a joy and privilege it was for me to share Holy Week and Easter with you. Your faith and your wholehearted engagement in the wondrous mysteries of these days were truly an inspiration. Thank you!

And I bid us all to remember that Easter isn't just one day, but a season, going all the way up through the Day of Pentecost—June 5. So, Easter Day isn't an “end,” but in so many ways, the beginning. This means many things, but especially, I'd stress, a time to keep worshipping together, Sunday after Sunday.

One thing that we'll be doing in Eastertide is including the liturgical ministries of the Rev. Glen Gleaves, whom we've been blessed to count as a part of the Incarnation Church family since he and Donna moved to Great Falls at the beginning of this year. Father Glen and I “go back,” having served together during the time we were both in the Diocese of Utah. He will be preaching and presiding for us on Sunday, May 1 and Sunday, May 8, at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. I'm grateful to have a friend and trusted priestly colleague serve as “supply” at Incarnation.

But please also know that I am still very much your Interim Priest-in-Charge—still honored to serve as your pastor and guide during this critical time for our Parish—and much look forward to being with you on Sunday, May 15 and Sunday, May 22. I also believe, for a number of reasons, that we continue to need to have lay-officiated Morning Prayer, but now, on a once-a-month basis (this month, on the 29th). I'm very grateful, too, for our team of Lay Officiants, whose ministries make this possible.

Thanks, so much, for all those who have been helping us in giving us information about Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, and Burials at Incarnation Church. It was hard news for me to have to share with you that no Baptisms at Incarnation Church were recorded since 2004, no Marriages or Burials since 2002—and that our Confirmation records after the 1950s are entirely missing. It must have been very hard news to hear, as well. But I appreciate your help, so far—and ask for even more help—as we reconstruct these records. Any information you have, about any of these services, will be most appreciated. Please send what you have to the Parish Office. We will be continuing to gather information in May. And in June we will begin the very significant effort of re-entering all that we can, in a new Parish Record Book.

I need to let you know that, regrettably, the people with whom we had been working to host a children's Day Care at our facility, pulled out, at the last minute. "It is what it is," as they say. But this effort helped us think in new ways, and I trust that our experience will open us up to other opportunities to come. (And I'm confident that these will come.) Meanwhile, I'd like to thank all those who put much work into this effort: Neil Swift, our Wardens Sara and Peter, the Vestry, Donna our Parish Administrator, and Wayne Linnell. Their work won't be wasted; just applied to future endeavors.

In great thanks to the One who makes all things new, I pray all God's blessings for you, dear ones; in this season, and always.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

Adam+

WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services, every Sunday, at both 8 AM and 10 AM. On May 1, May 8, May 15, and May 22, there will be Holy Eucharist. On May 29 there will be lay-officiated Morning Prayer, with a virtual sermon from Adam+ "patched in," viewed during the service in church on large-screen TV.

(And please note that Sunday services are also placed on our Parish's YouTube channel [see our website for the link], and these are up and available for viewing that same Sunday afternoon.)

OUR PRIEST'S TIMES OF RESIDENCE IN GREAT FALLS THIS MONTH

May 13-16 and May 21-25

("Winter" travel conditions may require adjustments to these times.)

OTHER ACTIVITIES/DATES OF NOTE

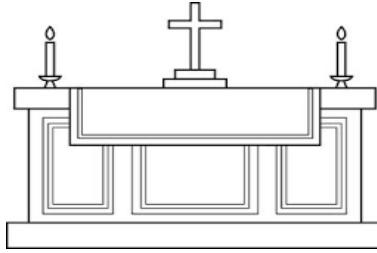
Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:15 AM, Guild Room (and Zoom). **Bible Study**.

Saturday mornings during May: 9-11 am, building and grounds clean up.

Saturday, May 14 Memorial Service for Gertrude Hart, 1 pm followed by a reception hosted by ECW.

Friday, May 20, deadline for submission of materials for June Messenger Newsletter
(these to be sent to the Church Office e-mail).

Sunday, May 22, 11:30 am, Guild Room. **Vestry**.



ALTAR GUILD

ALTAR GUILD ... bringing you Eastertide Greetings!

Please pray and explore your hearts, pondering if perhaps now is the time for you to help care for Our Lord's table, dishes and linens. Just imagine ... YOU being able to set Jesus' table and care for His things.

Interested? Any person, man or woman, teen or older, is welcome. Come and see!

Please send your email to: cherylquintero@yahoo.com thank you for your prayers and consideration.

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Parish Family,

What an amazing Easter Week we had! Thank you all for the support and prayers in all forms. Many upcoming projects to improve, upgrade, and repair things in our church are happening. I plan to be in the office Monday – Thursday from 9 – 12. If you need to share thoughts, needs, concerns or cares, please do not hesitate to call the church office at 406-453-4167, or my cell phone at 406-788-5828.

God bless you all.

Sara Quay

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, April 30 from 8 AM to 4 PM. Funds raised from this sale will go to purchase vestments for our lay ministers. Thank you for your support. Please contact Sara Quay or Gayle Archey for more information or to volunteer.

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you all for the opportunity to work with you one day/week. Most weeks, that will be Wednesday, 9 – 5 pm. There will occasionally be exceptions to that schedule. (An example of that will be in July, when I will be away at General Convention from 7/4-7/15.) If you need to be in touch with the office, please use the church email: incarnationgreatfalls@gmail.com. That will be for articles for the Messenger; general correspondence; information about baptisms, confirmations, weddings and burials as referenced in Fr. Adam's letter; and anything else you need to be in touch about.

FISH ACTIVITIES

FISH Data for March 2022

The chart below is a comparison of those serviced by FISH between March 2021 and March 2022. As you can see there were some changes between the 2021 and 2022 figures. There was a decrease in the number of families (non-singles), adults, children, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were down 18.0%, 25.4%, 26.8%, 25.7%, and 17.2% respectively. And there was an increase in the number of Singles; we were up 8.1%. And as for the YTD numbers they decreased for the number of families(non-singles), adults, children, meals served, and pounds of food delivered; we were down 21.6%, 28.7%, 26.6%, 28.1%, and 14.3% respectively. And for the YTD numbers there was an increase in the number of Singles; we were up 1%. However, FISH still provided about 2.3 tons of emergency food to our community during the month of March 2022 and 6.6 tons for the months of January through March 2022 (that's 2.2 tons per month).

	March 2021	2021 YTD	March 2022	2022 YTD
Families	39	125	32	98
Singles	37	105	40	106
Adults	134	383	100	273
Children	41	143	30	105
Meals	2,625	7,890	1,950	5,670
Pounds of Food	5,435	15,362	4,502	13,165

Clearly, there is still a demand (in our community) for the emergency food we distribute through FISH. **Amen!**

Bob Shanks
Member of the FISH Board of Directors
Representing the Church of the Incarnation

Saint Andrews Men's Breakfast

Saint Andrews breakfast is an event for the men and boys of The Church of the Incarnation and is normally held on the second Saturday of each month. The breakfast for the month of May 2022 is scheduled to be held on May 14, 2022. The breakfast is held at the Perkins restaurant located on the corner of 2nd Avenue North and 6th street at 8:30 AM in the morning.

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT AT CAMP MARSHALL

To register for this retreat: <https://www.campmarshallmontana.org/courses>



SUMMER ON FLATHEAD LAKE AT CAMP MARSHALL.

Summer is coming - Let's go to Camp Marshall!

The Memorial Foundation is once again offering Camperships for any parishioner who wants to attend Camp Marshall. Your registration fee will be paid by the Memorial Foundation.

If you want to attend Camp Marshall this summer, please contact our Interim Rector, Fr. Adam, our Sr. Warden, Sara Quay, or a member of the Memorial Foundation.

CAMP MARSHALL SCHEDULE - SUMMER 2022

June 19-24	Family Camp #1 for all families.
June 26- July 1	Jr. Middler Camp for grades 3-8.
July 3-8	Family Camp #2 for all families.
July 10-15	Sr. High Camp for grades 9-12
August 12-14	Celebrate Camp Marshall.

MUSIC FUND

Our music fund needs your help! We could definitely use donations to our restricted fund which pays for musicians each Sunday. Please be generous! Thanks so much.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Family Promise is seeking volunteers willing to make and/or bring dinners to the families staying at the Promise Place Shelter. Please call or email if you are interested in joining the Promise Place Shelter Support Team. Volunteer training can be accomplished in person or online. Call to schedule an in-person visit or request an online training link. 406-866-0288 or www.familypromisegf.org. A “Current Needs” list is included in the flyer on the bulletin board by the parish hall.

The Great Falls Community Food Bank has an exciting volunteering opportunity. The 30th Annual Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be held Saturday, May 14. All food and financial donations **stay local**. Drivers and runners are needed in assigned areas of town to gather donations left at mailboxes or doorsteps and return them to the post office. You may form your own “team”: (such as the Incarnation team), or you can be paired with someone. The main event runs from 8:45 am to 12 noon, with some additional afternoon follow-up shifts. Lunch will be provided around noon. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sandra @ 406-452-9029 or sandraf@greatfallsfoodbank.org. Most needed items include: canned meat; soups & pasta warm-ups; canned chili, canned fruit; canned vegetables; juice & juice boxes; cereal.

DIOCESE OF MONTANA

Are you in the insurance field? The Diocese is looking for someone to help review diocesan insurance needs and recommendations. If this fits you, please contact the Diocesan office at 406-442-2230, ext. 100, Jill Sallin or email at admin@diomontana.com.

Are you a Native American/Indigenous person or have you worked in one of those communities? If so, and you might be interested in serving on a Diocesan Indigenous Committee, please contact the Church Office for a referral to the right person.

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