
The Call to Holy Surprise: Reflections on Pentecost

What is serious to men is often very trivial in the sight of God. What in God might appear to us as "play" is perhaps what He Himself takes most seriously. At any rate the Lord plays and diverts Himself in the garden of His creation, and if we could let go of our own obsession with what we think is the meaning of it all, we might be able to hear His call and follow Him in His mysterious, cosmic dance. ~ Thomas Merton, *New Seeds of Contemplation*

We live in the midst of chaotic times as we witness the meltdown of financial markets and the escalating effects of global warming. As crises continue to build, we may find ourselves confused or fearful. We may want to gather in the upper room of our lives with our closest friends and close the door on a troubled world. Yet chaos always calls for creative response, it always beckons us to open to holy surprise.

This coming Sunday is the feast of Pentecost, that glorious final day of the season of resurrection. The apostles were together experiencing bewilderment over how to move forward when the Holy Spirit flows among them and breathes courage into their hearts.

It says that those who witnessed this event were "amazed and perplexed." Some were confused, others cynical. Peter reminds the crowds of the words the prophet Joel declared, that all will be called to dreams and visions, all will need to be attentive to signs and wonders.

The story of Pentecost asks us a question: How do I let my expectations and cynicism close my heart to the new voice rising like a fierce wind?

[...read more](#)

We need your help! Please take a moment to answer these two short surveys!

BRANDING SURVEY

The Church of the Incarnation's Branding Committee came together to discuss the Church's brand. After several meetings, the Committee put forward the idea of introducing a tag line. Help us choose our new tagline by completing this short survey!

[Click here for Branding Survey](#)

GREENING NIAGARA SURVEY

There are many ways by which we can care for creation. The Niagara Home Challenge, supported by Greening Niagara, is designed to help you think about how we can live both sustainably and faithfully in our everyday lives. We hope you'll participate by answering this short survey and help us achieve a "GOLD" rating

[Click here for Greening Niagara Survey](#)

This week at INCA



Saturday Jazz Series continues – doors open 6:30, music starts at 7pm

May 26th The Karen Thornton Band - As a child of the 70's, you'll hear folk and soul influences in her song writing, as well as the jazz voicing she learned from the standards.

Over the years Karen has fronted her own Jazz Trio, R&B band and sang with the Russ Little Big Band, recorded jingles and back up for other artists.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: we are a little short staffed for the May 26 event and have need of people to help with B.B.Q-ing, ticket selling at door, set-up and tear-down. Please let Beth or Mac know if you can help.

June 23rd Melissa Lauren Band <https://www.melissalaurenmusic.ca>

Tickets - \$15 at the door. Come anytime. Refreshments, light snacks, and burgers available for purchase.



PICNIC IN THE PARK – June 3

Please mark your calendars for a Picnic in the Park following the service on June 3rd. We will have a fun time to kick off summer with a relaxed picnic in our beautiful green space. Bring your lawn chair or blanket for comfort. There will be activities for the kids and of course, lots of food!

Sign-up sheets are on the back table



Spring Cleaning Continues Outdoors!

~~Saturday May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m~~

RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 26 9-4PM

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!!

- General pickup on our property
- Placement of crushed stone in driveway
- Repair of fence on west side of property
- Raking and clearing of area to south of Church
- Wash exterior windows
- And many other exterior ODD JOBS



Karma Yoga Returns, Friday, May 18

Great news! We're starting up another round of sessions. We'll be meeting at the church every Friday at 7 PM starting May 18th. As soon as it warms up outside, we are looking at moving the sessions to the grass on Wednesdays.

The classes are \$5 each, which helps keep them running, and is payable to Eryl before the start of each class. We look forward to seeing you on your mat



Contemplative Fire - Thank you

The organizers of Contemplative Fire would like to thank all those who attended and gained spiritual comfort in our gatherings.

We have made the difficult decisions to end these gatherings. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please talk to Michael



Wing and a Prayer – May 24

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Winkie Macdougall. Everyone is welcome!



Incarnation Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:15

If you are interested in sharing your voice, please join us at one of our Wednesday rehearsals, or speak to Charlene after a 10:00 service.

Rehearsal is cancelled on May 23, and our last few rehearsals of the season will be held on May 16, 30 and June 6.

Special guest Vocalist on June 3

Enjoy a musical treat on June 3 as we welcome Elisabeth Dubois to sing the solo in Rossini's piece for Choir and Soprano, "I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee".

Please join us for this special morning!

Community News



Treasures of Israel and Jordan! November 9-27, 2018

Join Rev. Brian and Karen Galligan for a memorable experience. The tour will include 5 days in Jerusalem, 3 days in Bethlehem, a visit to the Dead Sea, Jericho, Nazareth and much more.

Details can be found in the brochure in the office.



Halton Green Screens

Halton Green Screens shows environmental films on the second Thursday of the month film.ca on Speers Road. For more details, go to [Halton Green Screens](#)

June 14 – Amateur Film Festival



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Read updates, news and commentary from around the Church.

[Click here to read](#)

This & That



ECO Justice Group: The Problem with Plastics

The eco justice group will continue to look at this problem over the next few weeks and present sustainable solutions to common single-use plastic household items. If you have an idea to share, bring it along with you to church. Together we can be part of the solution, not part of the problem.



Looking to Volunteer?

We have lots of ways you can get involved. Positions include: altar prep, greeters, readers, hosts and coffee preparation. **Youth** can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided. Contact Julia Lockhart if you are interested in helping out. Don't forget to mark changes to the schedule on the master copy in the office.



Milk Bag Collection

We're still collecting Milk bags for the kids at Ellengale Public School



Our recycling efforts! New procedures

Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. The daycare has been testing a new green bin routine with much success. We have almost completely eliminated critter attacks!

- **Start a new SMALL green bin for each service or event. Before leaving, tie off the bag and move the SMALL green bin waste to the shed and deposit into the LARGE green bin. This will eliminate any critter attacks. No green bins are to be left in the kitchen or out the back door after each event. If you don't know where the key to the shed is located, please ask a Warden or office staff.**
- Green bin liners are located in one of the 3 stacked multi-coloured baskets in the kitchen on the counter by the small sink
- All recycling must be emptied after each coffee hour or event. The large blue recycling bins are located at the back door. Please dump all recycling into the larger bins before leaving the church.



Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. office@incarnationchurch.ca

Nametags let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



Receiving Communion

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion where all are welcome.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	May 20	May 27
Bread Making	A. Moniuk	J. Vanderwater
Altar Prep	A. Moniuk	Bird/Smith
Coffee 1	P. Moffat	B. Saunders
Coffee 2	J. Smith	Chambers
Host 1	D. Anderson	S. Hutchinson
Host 2	W. Macdougall	K. Wildon
Reader 1	M. Stevens	L. Macclauclan
Gospel	G. Chambers	S. curran
Prayers	M. Russell	D. Wieler
Server 1	W. Burk	A. MacNaughton
Server 2	T. Burk	B. Hanna-Morrison
Wine Cups	S. Williams	N. DeLuca
WSRF	V. Moniuk	J. Stevens
Counting	J. Raitt	W. Macdougall

Please Note:

Thanks to all of you who update the master copy in the office – very helpful for me!

There are a few printed copies of the May-June schedule in the office, or

[DOWNLOAD THE MAY/JUNE SCHEUDLE HERE](#)