

*From your Deacon*

Dear Congregation,

Maybe I've been spending too much time around water this summer, or perhaps the heat is getting to me, but I keep thinking about the movement of water, how the waves are so continuous.

When they're huge, the surfers (yes, we have surfers in NY!) enjoy them at their peak, moderate swimmers are challenged by them right where they're about to break, and small children are as thrilled as the surfers with the flat rush of water at the shoreline. I remember, as a child, standing in the water as the waves came in and enjoying the pull of the wave as it rushed back out to sea, the pull on my feet as they sank into the ground with the force. The power of it was amazing and a bit scary.

Waves are continuous and while they may seem to end at the shoreline, they only briefly touch base there and immediately go back to form more waves. The first waves ever are these same waves, still just doing their thing.

And I'm thinking about the ripples that form in water. We've all experienced dropping a stone into water and seeing the ripples, the impact, getting less obvious as the ripple, the impact, spreads out. We assume it ends there but really, we don't know what's going on below the surface, what subtle changes that ripple, that impact, that action, has put into place.

Perhaps not the most dignified image, but I'm envisioning Jesus being plopped into the sea of humanity and the resulting ripple, the impact, which led to us, the Body of Christ. As disciples, we are entrusted with continuing that ripple, that impact.

Sometimes, though, we may feel we have no impact, feel we're not doing enough, not quite hitting the mark. We may feel we are just not important enough or influential enough to make a difference. I feel like that often.

I wonder if perhaps we sometimes simply go for too much, or we don't value the little things, the little impacts we bring about, the little ripples.

That one little pebble of kindness you plop into the water does matter; it matters more than you can ever imagine. We are not, ever, too insignificant to have a ripple effect, an impact. Remember that the little children at the shoreline are just as thrilled as the surfers riding the big waves.

Let's all try to keep that water rippling with our impact and remember we are all part of that first great wave. Sink your feet in and feel the pull.

Peace, love, joy, and cool waters,  
*Deacon Denise*

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**CHURCH TOUR**

**Today at 12:15 p.m.** For those interested in a brief tour of the church's art and architecture, please meet one of our volunteer tour guides at the Chapel of the Resurrection near the back of the church following the organ postlude.

## HOUR CHILDREN BBQ

**Wednesday, August 3, at 11:00 a.m.** (rain date: August 10). Join us next month for a barbecue, bubble blowing, face painting, and other serious fun with the kids at Hour Children, a provider of services to incarcerated or previously incarcerated moms and their kids. If you can help set up, grill and assemble food, clean up, or lead activities, even better! Prepare to have a blast!

Place: Lighthouse Park, Roosevelt Island

Contact: Barbara Clark, Hour Children Committee Co-chair (Email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser at [adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org](mailto:adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org) and she'll put you in touch!)

## 20s/30s DINNER

**Friday, August 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser is hosting the 20s/30s Group for dinner at her place. We will be bidding farewell to Group members Diana and Celso Mendoza, who are relocating to California. Email Adrian at [adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org](mailto:adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org) if you can join the celebration and wish them Godspeed.

## MOVIE NIGHT

**Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.** Film screening of *Father Stu*. Refreshments will be served. Please save the date. More details coming soon!

## SUMMER HYMNS

Do you have a favorite hymn you would like to sing as part of a Sunday morning service over the summer? Contact our Director of Music, David Ralph, through the church website. Hymns should be in the 1982 Hymnal and seasonally appropriate.

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Incarnation's program year runs from mid-September through mid-June. This means that our Sunday morning Bible Study, Children's classes, and certain other ministries go on hiatus for the summer. The Incarnation Choir also takes a break, and we enjoy individual soloists at the principal Sunday service. The 2022-2023 program year will start up on Homecoming Sunday, the first Sunday after Labor Day.

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AT INCARNATION

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist:** Join us each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for this Rite I spoken service of Holy Eucharist, which includes a brief homily, organ music, and healing prayer with holy oil.

**Thursday Candlelight Communion:** Join us each Thursday at 6:15 p.m. for Candlelight Communion, a service of Holy Eucharist that incorporates chant and silence as well as elements of contemporary worship. This service is informal and contemplative, with music led by a Cantor and a brief reflection by one of the clergy. You can also stream this service at [youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation](https://youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation).

**Daily Office:** Services of Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer and Compline are held via Zoom. To view the weekly schedule, go to [churchoftheincarnation.org/worship](https://churchoftheincarnation.org/worship).

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