

### ***On the mind of the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser...***

Last Sunday, we celebrated our graduating high school seniors, Taylor and Callaway, by presenting them with Bibles in worship. Our Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Akwuba, also gave some heartfelt remarks recognizing their service to the church as acolytes and offering sound wisdom for their future at college.

When I think of graduation ceremonies past, I remember my sister's graduation from Tulane University in New Orleans. The keynote speaker was Wynton Marsalis, one of the most famous jazz musicians in the world. In addition to playing a mean trumpet during his address, Marsalis reflected on the tradition of "roll call" – starting an important gig by calling out the names of legendary musicians who came before him. In evoking the memory of such artists, this roll call inspires a higher level of performance. He then connected the idea of roll call to the graduates' personal lists of family, teachers, counselors, clergy, mentors, coaches, friends – those predecessors that, Marsalis said, "have marched far and wide to be in our number this morning."

As Christians, we each have a roll call that includes a long line of spiritual ancestors. Some are household names, like Jesus' apostles and other heroes of the faith. Some are known only to us as individuals. Many are giants on whose shoulders we stand. So, take a moment to give thanks for a few folks in your roll call, and know you pass on that succession of blessing to those who come behind you.

And to our graduating seniors: We're proud of you! I hope you can say Incarnation is in your roll call.

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### **SUMMER BOOK READ**

Starting today, the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser will lead a four-part book study on *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by the Rt. Rev. Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington. Bishop Budde drew nationwide attention after addressing President Trump in her sermon during the inaugural prayer service at the National Cathedral in DC last year.

You can participate in the book study in person or on Zoom!

- **Sundays, June 7 – 28, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** in the Parish House. ***Today we meet in the Dining Room.***
- **Tuesdays, June 9 – 30, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** on Zoom.

Email Adrian ([adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org](mailto:adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org)) for the Zoom link.

Please note that you must read the book to participate in the study. If you would like to shop local and support an independent bookstore, speak to Harris Healy, owner of Logos Bookstore on the Upper East Side, at Coffee Hour. You will receive a 20% discount!

### **FREE CONCERT**

**Monday, June 8, 3:00 p.m.** The Laramie High School Music Program from Laramie, Wyoming, presents a special performance at Incarnation. Recognized for musical excellence and community involvement, the ensemble features student musicians regularly selected for Wyoming All-State and All-Northwest honor groups. This concert also marks the program's first tour since before the COVID-19 pandemic, celebrating the resilience and dedication of its young musicians.

## SIT IN ON AN EfM CLASS!

**Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.** Incarnation is offering another opportunity to learn about Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year Christian formation program emphasizing small-group study, theological reflection, and active Christian ministry in daily life. Anyone with an interest in joining the Incarnation EfM group is invited to attend an online class with this year's students before summer break!

Class is held on Zoom. Email the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser ([adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org](mailto:adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org)) for the Zoom link. Speak to EfM Facilitator, the Rev. Greg Morgan with questions. Learn more about EfM at [theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry](http://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry).

## SANDWICH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 21, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Every third Sunday of the month, parishioners and visitors are invited to the Parish Dining Room to help make sandwiches for delivery to a nearby homeless drop-in center.

## IMPORTANT SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**Air Conditioning:** We now have industrial fans in the church to keep it cool. Our air conditioning system (from the 1950s!) has served us well but is finally beyond repair. We are currently working with mechanical engineers to craft a plan for a newer, more eco-friendly system, which will be installed at the start of 2027. The fans should keep the church at a comfortable temperature for worship, and we encourage you to wear lightweight clothing once temperatures rise.

**Summer Hiatus:** We just wrapped the program year. This means our Sunday morning Bible Study 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. This summer we are also suspending Candlelight Communion on Thursday evenings starting in June. Candlelight Communion will return on September 10, the first Thursday after Labor Day. *Please note that Sunday School for children will continue through June.*

**Open Church Hours:** The slower rhythms of summer coincide with a lighter church calendar, but we there is one thing we're adding for the benefit of our surrounding community. We will have open church hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., as we already have on Wednesdays. We have seen an uptick in visitors during open church hours on Wednesdays and trust that making our sacred space more available will be well received. We might even designate an "organ hour" when our organ can play a prerecorded concert for anyone coming in off the street!