



# INCARNATION

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



### February 15, 2026 | Worship at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

All live-streamed worship will be on Vimeo, but you don't need a Vimeo account to view the live stream. The live stream will begin about ten minutes before the start of the service, so you can ensure you are connected.

#### **Connect to Worship at 9:00 am [HERE](#)**

Prelude—Wake Up Everybody (T. Mychael Rambo)  
Welcome  
Opening Words  
Hymn—ELW #677 This Little Light of Mine  
Prayer  
Anthem—Help Somebody (T. Mychael Rambo)  
Kids Time  
Reading—Matthew 17: 1-9 (Listen)  
Sermon—Pastor Joy  
Hymn—ELW #793 Be Thou My Vision  
Prayers and Sharing the Peace  
Communion (All are welcome)  
Next Steps  
Hymn—ELW #439 Soon and Very Soon  
Sending  
Postlude—Wade in the Water

#### **Connect to Worship at 10:30 am [HERE](#)**

Prelude—Down by the Riverside  
Welcome  
Opening Words  
Songs—Wake Up Everybody (T. Mychael Rambo)  
Soon and Very Soon  
Kids Time  
Reading—Matthew 17: 1-9 (Listen)  
Sermon—Pastor Joy  
Special Music—Help Somebody (T. Mychael Rambo)  
Prayers and Sharing the Peace  
Communion (All are welcome)

Next Steps  
Song—This Little Light of Mine (T. Mychael Rambo)  
Sending  
Postlude—Down by the Riverside

## [PDF Bulletin & Announcements](#)

[Watch later on Facebook](#)

[Watch later on the Web](#)

[Download a PDF of a guide for families worshipping together.](#)

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## Prayer Concerns

Jeanine Olson; George Aram; Bonnie Traver; Dottie House; Carlos Rodriguez; Joan Volkmann; Erin Holmen; Deb Rykken; Karen Stauder; Kara Genia & family; Jon Nelson; Kate Tollefson & family; Carol Beckerleg; Marian Ness; Lowell Odland; Linda Hudepohl; Linda Brynjulfson's sister; Tim Gray's sister; Katie Gray's daughter, Erin; Mike & Kara Johnson's son & daughter-in-law; Kathleen Erno's brother-in-law & niece; Nicole & Troy Heller's brother-in-law; Kay Leerssen's daughter; Tom Henk's brother; Deb Rykken's brother; Sue Bernlohr's mother; Mike Wielenberg's mother; Al and Carolyn Ek's son; Nancy Haugen's friends David, Michelle & family and Colette & family; Kim Wielenberg's friend, Cindy; Dede Mattison's friends, Allan and Yvonne; caregivers

### Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Warren Greenbush on his death, and the family of Marlys J. Nelson on her death

### Memorial Service for Warren Greenbush at Incarnation Lutheran Church

February 20, 2026. 10:00 a.m. — Visitation; 11:00 a.m. — Memorial Service

*To be added to the public prayer concerns list, please get in touch with [Julie Durbin](#). If you would like to add someone else to the public prayer concerns list, please obtain their consent first.*

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## Altar Flowers

*If you would like to have altar flowers given in honor or memory of someone, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Incarnation Office at 651-484-7213 to sign up (cost: \$25). Donations help offset the cost of the beautiful flowers the Worship Arts team provides. Altar flowers express our love for God, enhance our gathering around the Word and Sacrament, and represent changing seasons both in the church year and in nature.*



## Giving a Gift

We are grateful for your continued support of the ministries at Incarnation. Your generosity is not only vital to our church's worship but helps us have an impact on people in the surrounding communities and beyond. We invite you to continue with us on this journey! If you have questions about setting up an

Click on the image above to link to our giving page.

electronic recurring donation or making a gift through stocks, an IRA, or a donor-advised fund, please reach out to [Amy Faymerville](#), our gifts manager.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Thank you to those who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Incarnation in 2025.

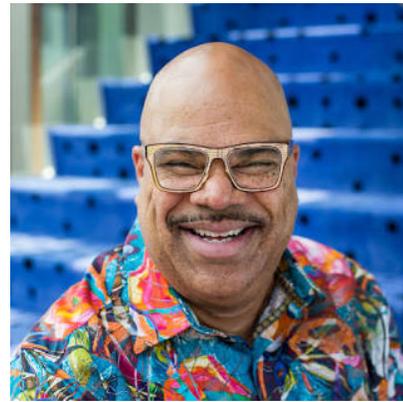
Together, you were able to donate \$4,016.00 to benefit our Operating budget. We are so very grateful for the additional financial support.

If you would like to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2026, please visit Thrivent's website for more information: <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### T. Mychael Rambo Returns to Incarnation on February 15

On February 15, we welcome T. Mychael Rambo back to Incarnation for both services. T. Mychael Rambo is a three-time Regional Emmy Award-winning actor, vocalist, arts educator, author, and community organizer who has made an indelible impact on the Twin Cities arts scene. He has performed in principal roles at renowned theaters including Penumbra Theatre, the Guthrie, New Dawn Theatre, the Ordway, Illusion Theatre, Mixed Blood, Park Square Theatre, 10,000 Things, Theater Latté Da, Children's Theatre, and the Minnesota Opera.



T. Mychael has dedicated his career to using theatre, performance art, spoken word, and music as tools for social change. He firmly believes that we are all powerful agents of transformation, each with the ability to shape the world through creativity, passion, and action.

## Lent — at a Glance

**Ash Wednesday** — February 18, Worship at Noon or 7:00 pm

**Sundays, February 22 to March 22** — Tell Me Something Good: grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

**Wednesdays, February 25 to March 25** —

- **Noon, Lent Midday Prayer** (Fireside Lounge), an opportunity to gather for a midday Lent reflection (similar to evening); bring a sack lunch if you wish
- **Lent Soup & Sandwich Suppers** (Grace Hall), 5:30 – 6:45 pm. Consider volunteer opportunities to support our community gathering. Sign up to volunteer for Lent Supper teams on [Feb 25](#), [Mar 4](#), [Mar 11](#), [Mar 18](#), or [Mar 25](#)
- **Lent Evening Prayer** (Worship Space) Lament Psalms, prayer writing, 7:00 pm



**Daily Devotional booklets** — For Incarnation community and Small Groups Ministry — available online.flippingbook.com/view/546389771/ OR printed copies as needed (please contact Pastor Joy with the number of printed copies desired)

**Lent Small Groups** on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings — [more details here](#)

*Save the dates*

**Holy Week – Palm/Passion Sunday** — **March 29**, 9:00 and 10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday** — **April 2**, 7:00 pm – *and Holy Communion Celebration*

**Good Friday** – **April 3**, 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday** — **April 5**, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

**New Members Class** — **April 19**, 11:30 – 1:30 pm, **Receive New Members on May 3**, 9:00 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Quick Links:

[AHOH  
MobilePack™](#)

[Pickleball](#)

[Small Groups](#)

[Serve](#)

[Giving](#)

### Learn More About the Young Adult Community!

The Young Adult Ministry at Incarnation is for young adults ages 18–30s who seek a community of faith with other young adults. Use this QR code to fill out a connection form so we can contact you about upcoming events and ministry opportunities!



## Annual Meeting February 22, 2026 Following the 10:30 AM Service

**Please join us for this look forward to Incarnation in 2026.**

Our Annual Meeting will be in one week on **Sunday, February 22, 2026**, following the 10:30 am worship service. We invite you to join us in person at this important meeting for our congregational life. We also offer the opportunity to attend the meeting via Zoom at the following link:

**Topic: 2026 Incarnation Annual Congregation Meeting Zoom Link**

**Time: Feb 22, 2026, 11:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81280088367?  
pwd=dx3Oj9TPwXUJoruNwOsyb9nbh5rKJ0.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81280088367?pwd=dx3Oj9TPwXUJoruNwOsyb9nbh5rKJ0.1)

**Meeting ID: 812 8008 8367**

Passcode: 586907

### Discussion Forum

Your Congregation Council will hold a discussion forum via Zoom on Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 pm. The primary topic will be the annual report for the 2026 annual meeting. Other topics are also welcome.

### Congregation Forum, Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89598907524?pwd=OPhGn420t7iwV1b7y5vftbp7sWb6aL.1>

Meeting ID: 895 989 07524

Passcode: 388416



## 2025 Annual Report

### Solar Array Damage

On December 16, 2025, after removing snow, our facilities manager, Rick Gravley, discovered that nine of our newly installed solar panels had been severely damaged. The Sheriff's Department was contacted, and a report was made. Unfortunately, at the time of the damage, we did not yet have exterior security cameras installed. The safety and security committee is in the process of completing a bid process to install outdoor security cameras to completely integrate our security system, and with the Sheriff's input, our parking lot lights are now lit throughout the night in order to keep our property more secure. Once our outdoor security cameras are installed, we will repair the damaged solar panels. We are disappointed in this breach of security to our property, but we vow to keep working to make sure Incarnation's premises are safe and secure for everyone, inside and out.



**Kairos sessions will be held at 10:15 am in the Fireside Room unless otherwise noted.**

### February 15

**Exodus Lending: The new face of extractive lending and what we can do about it!**

Presenter: Anne Leland, Executive Director of Exodus Lending

At **Exodus Lending**, we believe Minnesotans deserve real financial relief, not more traps disguised as empowerment. After a successful 2023 legislative win that eliminated storefront payday lenders in MN, we're now up against a louder, better-resourced industry that is working to evade MN laws.



Predatory lenders have moved from the visible street corners—where their harmful practices were out in the open—to operating almost entirely online and through phone apps. These online “fintech” players parade around the halls of our Capitol as the heroes solving “cash flow challenges” and “credit access gaps” when they are just the new face of payday lending, quietly fraying the already precarious financial health of hard-working Minnesotans.

## February 22

### Reflections from a Recovering ELCA College President

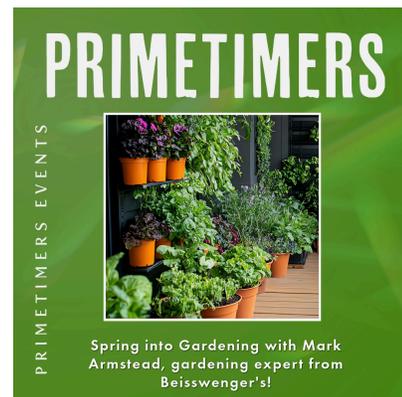
Presenter: Rebecca Bergman, retired Gustavus Adolphus President

Bergman will share her experience as the 17th president of Gustavus, offer insights about college and college students today, and discuss what makes the 27 ELCA higher education institutions in the U.S. impactful in our communities and our world. Her tenure has been recognized for generating more than \$400 million in documented philanthropic support for the college, driving academic innovation, and leading three major campus building projects. Her non-traditional path to college leadership included 26 years at Medtronic, Inc., where she held senior executive roles in research and development and was closely involved in long-term strategic planning. She currently serves on the Incarnation Congregation Council.



## PrimeTimers Presents: Get Ready to Spring Into Gardening!

Do you have questions about growing plants in small spaces? Mark Armstead, gardening expert from Beisswinger's Hardware Store, is here to help! Learn how to make the most of containers, small decks, and areas with limited light. Come get inspired—and turn even the tiniest spot into a garden oasis.



**Thursday, February 26, 2026**

**Doors open: 10:00 am**

**Program starts: 10:30 am**

**Lunch: 11:30 am | \$10 (payable at the door)**

Don't forget to reserve your lunch spot—please call Julie Durbin by Monday, February 23, at 651-484-7213 to sign up. Thank you!

## Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids

Spread some love next week by volunteering at the Feed My Starving Children site in Coon Rapids. The needs are great as volunteer registration is low right now. Join fellow Incarnation community members and make a difference. Visit [Incarnation's Feed My Starving Children Ministry web page](#) to see the different dates and times, and links to register to volunteer. The days and shifts are:

- Tuesday, February 17 — 7:15-8:45 pm
- Wednesday, February 18 — 2:30-4:15 pm
- Thursday, February 19 — 5:00- 6:30 pm

All are welcome to any and all shifts. Invite your friends, family members, or co-workers to share a meaningful experience.



## Incarnation Discovery Center Is Open for Enrollment

Preschool tours and enrollment are happening now! Click the button below for more information, to schedule a tour, and to register.

[Learn More About Incarnation Discovery Center](#)

**NOW ENROLLING  
FOR 2026/2027!**  
16 MONTHS - 5 YEARS

**INCARNATION  
DISCOVERY CENTER**  
Early Childhood Education Program  
[www.ladcfamilies.org](http://www.ladcfamilies.org)



**INCARNATION**  
SMALL GROUPS

## Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News This Lent

We are offering two timeframes for the Lent Small Group; there are openings for newcomers to join either. Haven't had the opportunity to join a Small Group yet? This is a great way to try it out!

We hope this series will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. This Lent, may the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. Let the good news ground us. And let that good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

### Lent Small Group

Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm

March 2, 9, 16, 23

Using the **Tell Me Something Good** Devotional

Leader: Nancy Stutzman

### Lent Small Group

Sunday mornings, 10:00-11:15 am

February 22, March 8, 15, 22

Using the **Tell Me Something Good** Devotional

Leader: Grant Rykken

Visit our website for more information:

[Small Groups](#)



## Small Group Leaders Gathering

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Program: words of gratitude, a learning time with Pastor Carrie Stiles and a lunch prepared by Emily Schwieters and Sonya Wilson.

Please **RSVP here** to let us know you are planning to attend!

### **Ways of Prayer — Ignatian Practices**

Have you heard of St. Ignatius of Loyola, a Spanish priest and theologian who lived around the time of Martin Luther? There will be a short introduction into St. Ignatius of Loyola and how his spiritual journey led to Spiritual Practices such as imaginative prayer and the Examen. Ignatian Spirituality sees God as present and active in our everyday life, and these prayer practices invite deeper connections that easily fit into the rhythms of life.

### **Bio of Our Guest:**

Carrie Stiles serves as pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wyoming, MN, and is a Certified Spiritual Director. Carrie became a Certified Spiritual Director after completing the Tending the Holy Spiritual Direction program at The Christos Center for Spiritual Formation. She is grateful for the opportunity to accompany people in their relationship with the divine. Carrie and her husband Dale live in Lindstrom, Minnesota and have three adult children. Carrie loves to spend sacred time along the St. Croix River. We hope you can attend!

Blessings,

Pastor Joy, on behalf of the Small Groups Leaders Team

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## Thank You!

Incarnation hosted its 11th Red Cross blood drive on January 29. We continue to be amazed at and grateful for the generosity of the Incarnation congregation and the broader community in giving their time and blood to save lives.

If you are motivated to help in this way, please consider making an appointment for our next drive on Tuesday, May 12, from 10-4.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=IncarnationLutheran>

We are especially in need of donors for Power Red appointments, in which donors give two units of red blood cells but get their plasma and platelets back simultaneously. For more info, please follow the link below:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/types-of-blood-donations/power-red-donation.html>



# Youth & Family Ministry

## The Weekly Update



### MSM Update

Thanks for making the third and final week of Wall O Money such a success! Thank you for stepping up to support our shared work, the work God is doing in our community this summer. These funds will be used to offset the high cost of life-changing summer camp for our kids—to have unique experiences with God and each other. While we won't know the exact amount raised until mid-March, we do know that you were generous. Thank you.

In Confirmation on Wednesday, 2/11, younger middle schoolers studied the story of Pontius Pilate and learned about the nature of God's truth and power and how to make tough decisions with a clear conscience. 8th graders continued week 2 of Church Outside the Walls and learned from Scripture that Jesus sends us out to connect with neighbors wherever we go. We practiced a communal scripture-reading practice called Dwelling in the Word. Next week, 2/18, is Ash Wednesday. There is no cyf programming. 8th graders begin their mentoring process. Worship at 7:00 pm



### A Few Updates

1. Fundraising for summer activities: Wall O Money will continue on February 8 – [info and sign up to serve here](#)
2. CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? Summer Service Trip to Duluth, MN – July 26-31 – current 6-8 grade – [register here](#)
3. 8th graders start mentorship during Lent, so be on the lookout for ways you can join with them on the journey. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and includes 4 weeks of guided conversation with their mentor.
4. Serve cookies and coffee on Sunday (2 hrs) – [sign up here](#)
5. Be a Pizza Person on Wednesday (next one: 2/4) – [sign up here](#)

To view our schedules and loads of other stuff, head to our [MSM](#) or [HSM](#) webpages.



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Some have asked us for guidance in how they might help neighbors in this time. Here are invitations that have come from the Saint Paul Area Synod (our synod) and the Minneapolis Area Synod (our neighboring synod) and a member of our congregation.

[Information About Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#)

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## Immigration Education Night

In response to the recent challenges in our city, there will be a non-partisan, faith-centered evening of clarity and conversation open to the public. Hosted by Bethany Ringdal (Jonathan House) and Rachel Uthmann (Director of Training at IAFR), this event offers historical context and a grounded space to ask questions and explore how we can faithfully support our neighbors.

- **When:** Thursday, February 19 | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- **Where:** Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina
- **Format:** A brief presentation followed by an open Q&A (anonymous questions welcome).

**Register and Submit Your Questions:**

[Immigration Education Night Registration](#)



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEES PRESENTS

# immigration EDUCATION NIGHT

Gain a gospel-centered perspective on the refugee crisis from people working right on the front lines. Grab some friends and gather with us as we look at the history and context that brings understanding to the moment we're living through.

**Bethany Ringdal**  
Twin Cities Ministry Leader for IAFR



**Rachel Uthmann**  
Director of Training for IAFR

February 19 6-7:30  
Christ Presbyterian Church  
6901 Normandale Rd, Edina,

Register:  
[bit.ly/4aIREHy](https://bit.ly/4aIREHy)



## Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and worldwide. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

### International:

- Middle East Crisis
- Eastern Europe Crisis Response
- Horn of Africa Drought
- Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis
- South Sudan Relief
- AMMPARO: Protecting Migrants

### Domestic:

- Flooding
- Hurricanes
- Severe Storms
- Tornadoes
- Wildfires

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#), follow @ELCALDR on [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and follow @ELCA\_LDR on [Instagram](#).

- If you are new to Incarnation or you want to learn more about Incarnation ministries, [please complete this online form](#) we'll use to connect you to a ministry leader according to your interests.
- **Please consider [giving online](#), allowing Incarnation to receive the funds quickly. You will be able to donate to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, Feed My Starving Children, the Operating Budget and more through the same link.**
- [You can find the online worship web page here.](#)
- [To email the council directly, click here.](#)
- To request council minutes, please email [Julie Durbin](#).
- To be added to the public prayer concerns list, contact [Julie Durbin](#). If you would like to add someone else to the public prayer concerns list, please obtain their consent first.
- If you are ill, someone is hospitalized, or there is a death, call the Incarnation Office at 651-484-7213. If it is outside of Office Hours, contact the on-call Pastor at 651-484-7213 ext. 204.
- [The Staff Directory, with email addresses, can be found here.](#)
- Questions? [Contact Julie Durbin](#).

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