



# INCARNATION

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



### February 8, 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 make sure you can connect.

**Connect to Worship at [9:00 am HERE](#) and at [10:30 am HERE](#)**

Prelude— Over In the Glory Land (Jack Brass)  
Welcome  
Opening Words  
Hymn—ELW # 697 Just a Closer Walk With Thee  
Prayer  
Anthem— I'll Fly Away (Jack Brass)  
Release ILC Kids (at 9:00 am only)  
Reading—Matthew 5:13-20 (Let your light shine)  
Sermon—Pastor Kai  
Hymn—ELW #742 What A Friend We Have In Jesus  
Prayers and Sharing the Peace  
Communion (All are welcome)  
Next Steps  
Hymn—ELW # 677 This Little Light of Mine  
Sending  
Postlude—When The Saints Go Marching In (Jack Brass)

### **[PDF Bulletin & Announcements](#)**

**[Watch later on Facebook](#)**

**[Watch later on the Web](#)**

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

### **Prayer Concerns**

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; 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; 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

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by the Harry Johnson family and the Griffith family in memory of Bradley L. Johnson

*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.*



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

### 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 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.

## 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.

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### 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/](https://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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Quick Links:

[AHOH  
MobilePack™](#)

[Pickleball](#)

[Small Groups](#)

[Serve](#)

[Giving](#)

### Support Our Youth on Their Summer Mission!

Stop by the Wall O' Money board in the atrium after worship on Sunday, February 8, and help support our youth as they prepare for their summer mission trips. Students will be there to share about where they are going, the ministry they are invited to be part of, and how your financial support can help make these trips possible. So come and connect with our youth, hear firsthand about their summer service trips, and partner with them in this meaningful ministry.



### 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!



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

### February 8

**Walking in Partnership:**

**The Department of Indian Work's Legacy, Impact & Vision for Community Healing**  
Presenter: Theresa Halvorson-Lee, Director, [Department of Indian Work at Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul](#)

Halvorson-Lee will share DIW's current work, community impact, and the ongoing call to walk alongside Native families with respect and understanding to heal and grow together! She will highlight how faith-based partnerships can support justice, healing, and relationship-building with Indigenous communities, rooted in humility, listening, and shared

responsibility. As DIW Director, Halvorson-Lee focuses on culturally grounded service delivery, strategic partnerships, and strengthening economic stability and wellness for Native families across the State.



## February 15

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

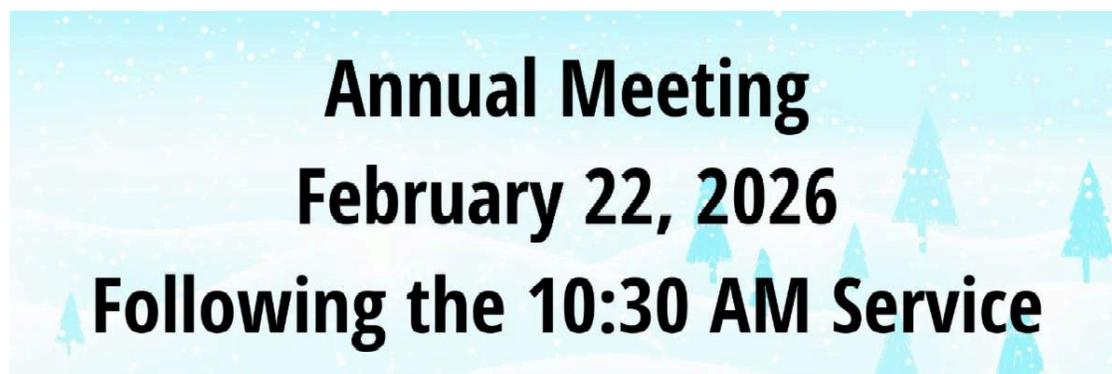
Presenter: Anne Leland, Executive Director of Exodus Lending

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.

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# 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 two weeks 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 will also offer the opportunity to attend the meeting via Zoom. The link will be shared prior to the meeting.

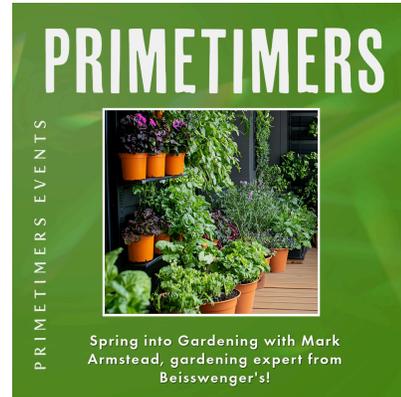
#### **Discussion Forum**

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**

## 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!

## Incarnation Discovery Center Is Open for Enrollment

Preschool tours and enrollment are happening now! Janet Miller will be in the Atrium at Incarnation tomorrow, February 8, to talk with families about Incarnation Discovery Center.

This Tuesday, the Teddy Bear Pizza & Concert event is from 5-6:30 pm in Incarnation Hall. Families considering the preschool are especially invited, and anyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

Learn More About Incarnation  
Discovery Center

**Teddy Bear Picnic & Concert**

**FREE** FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
**FEB 10, 5:00-6:30 PM**

- 5:00 Pizza Dinner, Activities, Jump House & more!
- 5:45 CONCERT with **UNCLE DAVE!**  
Bring your Teddy Bears & Lovies to Dance Along!

**INCARNATION DISCOVERY CENTER**  
Early Childhood Education Program  
4880 Hodgson Rd, Shoreview MN



## 2026 All Hands on Hope MobilePack™ Volunteer Registration Is Now Open!

Incarnation Lutheran Church will be hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> Feed My Starving Children All Hands on Hope MobilePack™ April 22-26, 2026. During this time, over 2,000 volunteers from the church community and beyond will be welcomed to pack 614,304 meals, which will feed 1,683 kids for one year. We are seeking individual and corporate donations of \$180,000 to fund the meals we plan to pack.

**Volunteer registration is open, and shifts are beginning to fill up.** Visit the [volunteer registration page](#) and select one or more volunteer packing shifts that work for your schedule. For more information, including shift days and times and donation information, visit our [All Hands on Hope MobilePack event page](#).

*Photo Credit: Feed My Starving Children*



**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

## 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>

## Many Thanks for Making Families Feel at Home



Thank you for your generous donations of household items and financial support for our January Welcome Basket drive for the families at Solid Ground.



Because of your continued support, Solid Ground was able to provide Welcome Baskets to all families who moved in last year and will continue to meet the needs of more families this year. Your donations do more than furnish homes — they offer comfort, hope, and a sense of belonging during a time of major transition. Thanks to you, families are able to begin their new lives with greater stability and warmth.

Solid Ground is deeply grateful for our ongoing partnership, and the impact of your contributions continues to be felt by families in our community.

# Youth & Family Ministry

## The Weekly Update

### MSM Update

Week 2 of Wall O Money was exciting! 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Confirmation on Wednesday, 2/4, younger middle schoolers learned a valuable lesson about God's radical love and inclusion from the difficult story of Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who betrayed Jesus, contributing to his death at the hands of the Roman Empire. 8th graders began their 5th core course, *Church Outside the Walls*, as they explored our calling to co-create a better, more loving world with God. Next week, 2/11, the younger middle school students will learn about the nature of God's truth and power and how to make tough decisions with a clear conscience. 8th graders will continue with week 2 of *Church Outside the Walls* and learn from scripture how Jesus sends us out to connect with neighbors wherever we go.

### 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](#)

## 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](#).

## Incarnation Lutheran Church

[incarnationmn.org](http://incarnationmn.org)

651.484.7213

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