



# INCARNATION

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



### January 25, 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](#)

Prelude  
Welcome  
Opening Words  
Hymn—ELW #525 You Are Holy  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Children's Message  
Reading—Matthew 4: 12-22 (The Kingdom of God)  
Sermon—Pastor Kai  
Hymn—ELW #838 Beautiful Savior  
Prayers and Sharing the Peace  
Communion (All are welcome)  
Next Steps  
Hymn—ELW #866 We Are Marching in the Light  
Sending  
Postlude

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

Prelude  
Welcome  
Opening Words  
Songs—Sing Wherever I Go  
Will You Come and Follow Me  
Reading—Matthew 4: 12-22 (The Kingdom of God)  
Sermon—Pastor Kai  
Special Music  
Prayers and Sharing the Peace  
Communion (All are welcome)  
Next Steps  
Song—This Little Light of Mine

[Watch later on Facebook](#)

[Watch later on the Web](#)

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

## Prayer Concerns

Marlys J. Nelson; Dottie House; Gil Hartley; 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; 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 Mary Gustafson & family on the death of her son, Don

*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.*

## 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.*



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 Faymoville](#), our gifts manager.

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## 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

### Epiphany Season Banner

White and green are the two liturgical colors used during the Season of Epiphany. White is the color associated with the festivals of Christ (Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord, and Transfiguration of Our Lord). These three festivals are represented by a white Epiphany star and two white panels on a green background. White symbolizes purity, light, and glory. Green is the color of spiritual growth and life.



### Explosion Big Band at Incarnation! Sunday, February 1, at 4 pm

Get ready for a high-energy afternoon of swing, jazz, and rock with The Explosion Big Band — a 17-piece big band led by Doug Haining and Scott Agster! The Explosion Big Band brings together a repertoire of rock and swing and compositions by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Thad Jones, Clare Fischer, Pat Metheny, and others. Performance Length: 75 minutes

Learn more about the band at  
<https://www.explosionbigband.com>



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Quick Links:



## 2025 Giving Statements

2025 Giving Statements will be distributed electronically at the end of January via our new donor management system called Pushpay. Watch for the email.

**Note:** It will include all donations for 2025 regardless of what system it was processed through (Realm or Pushpay). Learn more at the link below:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



## Updates and New Schedule for *Wednesday* ILC Kids

New this year, there will be a few changes to ILC Kids Wednesday evening programming. We'll gather twice a month for kids of ILC to build community, connection, friendship, and fellowship, and to give parents a chance to join a small group or simply have an hour to themselves. Infants – Grade 5 are welcome!

We'll play games, craft, and have creative competitions, tying them together with a Bible Verse or Story. Infants–4-year-olds will play and create in the Nursery & 5-year-olds-5th Grade will gather in the Youth Room. Registration is required for each child. See below for

dates, time, and the QR code to register. (Please note this is a separate registration from Sunday ILC Kids)



## Next Blood Drive

We have a few openings left for our next blood drive on **Thursday, January 29** from 10:00 am– 4:00 pm. If you can help, please visit our [website](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=IncarnationLutheran) to sign up! Or click the direct link below:

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



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

Incarnation Lutheran Church will host the 19th Feed My Starving Children All Hands on Hope MobilePack™ from April 22-26, 2026. During this time, over 2,000 volunteers from our 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.



**We are pleased to announce that volunteer registration is now open.** Simply 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](#).

To stay up to date on all FMSC news, sign up for Incarnations weekly worship emails, follow us on the social media channels below or visit our [web page](#).

Facebook: @IncarnationMobilePack  
Instagram: @fmisc\_at\_incarnation



Welcome to the 2025-2026 Kairos season. The Kairos logo, the Jerusalem cross, is a universal symbol for Kairos/God's time. Kairos sessions will be held at 10:15 am in the Fireside Room unless otherwise noted.

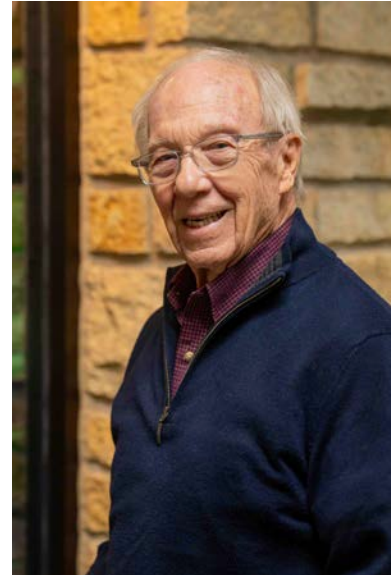
## January 25 in Grace Hall

### Religion & Politics: Like Oil & Water?

Presenter: Gary Anderson, Retired Senior Pastor,  
Incarnation Lutheran Church

There is a great deal of confusion and disinformation about the relationship between religion and politics today. There are also worrisome, if not dangerous, associations between them being advanced by some churches and politicians. In this session, we will attempt to explore this complex relationship and the challenges flowing from it.

Anderson has had a long-time interest in this difficult subject. It is especially difficult for many Lutherans, given a historic disassociation of the two and a basic Lutheran attitude to just simply stay out of politics.



## February 1

### Jesus, Judaism, and Jewish-Christian Relations

Presenter: Nicholas Schaser, Assistant Professor,  
Religious Studies, Macalester College

Many Christians know that "Jesus was a Jew," but fewer spend the time to learn how Jesus's Jewishness is relevant to Christian faith. Yet when we begin to understand the Jewish nature of Jesus and the New Testament texts about him, we gain a much clearer view of both his message and mission.





# NOW ENROLLING FOR 2026/2027!

16 MONTHS - 5 YEARS



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DISCOVERY CENTER ★  
*Early Childhood Education Program*

[www.ladcfamilies.org](http://www.ladcfamilies.org)

Learn More About Incarnation Discovery Center



A festive poster for a family event. At the top, a brown teddy bear wearing a red and white checkered scarf sits on the left, holding a yellow acoustic guitar. To its right is a large circular graphic with a red and white checkered border. Inside the circle, the text "Teddy Bear Picnic & Concert" is written in a red, cursive font. The background is a solid light blue, decorated with several white snowflake icons. Below the circular graphic, the word "FREE" is written in white inside a red, starburst-like shape. To the right of this, the text "FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!" is written in red, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below that, the date and time "FEB 10, 5:00-6:30 PM" are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif font. A list of activities follows: "5:00 Pizza Dinner, Activities, Jump House & more!" and "5:45 CONCERT with UNCLE DAVE!". Below the second activity, it says "Bring your Teddy Bears & Lovies to Dance Along!". To the right of the text is a circular inset photo of a man with a long white beard and glasses, wearing a red shirt, playing an acoustic guitar. At the bottom, there are two logos: on the left, a circular logo with a green leaf and the text "INCARNATION DISCOVERY CENTER Early Childhood Education Program"; on the right, a circular logo with a yellow star and a blue crescent moon. Below the logos, the address "4880 Hodgson Rd, Shoreview MN" is written in white, sans-serif font.

**Teddy Bear Picnic & Concert**

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*Early Childhood Education Program*

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**PrimeTimers:**  
**Pati Kachel Presents**  
**“Conversations with Corrie Ten Boom”**

Join us for a morning with local storyteller Pati Kachel as she presents “Conversations with Corrie Ten Boom.” Through her vivid storytelling, Pati will bring this remarkable story to life, weaving moments of warmth, humor, and emotion that will leave you both laughing and moved to tears.



A poster for a Primetimers event. The background is a solid blue. At the top, the word "PRIMETIMERS" is written in large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, there are two photographs. The left one shows a woman with blonde hair, smiling, with the text "Storyteller Pati Kachel" below it. The right one shows a black and white photo of a woman in a dark dress, with the text "Corrie Ten Boom" below it. To the right of the photos, the text "Pati Kachel Presents 'Conversations With Corrie Ten Boom'" is written in small, white, sans-serif font. On the left side, the text "PRIMETIMERS EVENTS" is written vertically in small, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "PRIMETIMERS WINTER EVENTS" is written in small, white, sans-serif font.

**PRIMETIMERS**

Pati Kachel Presents  
 “Conversations With Corrie Ten Boom”

Storyteller Pati Kachel  
 Corrie Ten Boom

PRIMETIMERS EVENTS

PRIMETIMERS WINTER EVENTS



- Thursday, January 29, 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 give Julie Durbin a call **by Monday, January 26**, at 651-484-7213 to sign up.



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## SMALL GROUPS

### Small Groups in the New Year

We are about to begin a new season of Small Group Ministry!

Visit our website for more information:

<https://www.incarnationmn.org/ministries/small-groups/new-upcoming-small-groups/>

Small Groups



### Welcome Baskets

January 4- 25, 2026

- Brooms & dustpans
- Mops & Vacuum cleaners
- Microwaves & Kitchen utensils
- Knife sets of 3 & Pot & pan sets
- Kitchen wastebaskets
- Mixing bowls & bakeware
- Queen-size bedspreads, comforters, quilts
- Crib sheets
- Children's plates, bowls, sippy cups and silverware

**Drop-off at Incarnation in the bin marked Solid Ground**

### Solid Ground Welcome Baskets

Each January, Incarnation collects items most needed by Solid Ground families who are settling into their new homes and community. A Welcome Basket filled with essential household supplies is given to each family upon arrival at Solid Ground. Your generosity not only meets a crucial need for families transitioning from homelessness but also serves as a warm and hospitable welcome to their homes as their new journey begins.

Please consider donating one or more items from their wish list: brooms & dustpans, mops, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, kitchen utensils, kitchen wastebaskets, pot & pan sets, crib sheets, mixing bowls, bakeware (cookie sheets, 9x13 pans, 9x9 pans etc), queen size bedspreads/comforters/quilts, children's plates, bowls, silverware & sippy cups.

**Donations can be dropped off at Incarnation in the bin marked "Solid Ground Welcome Baskets" from January 4 through January 25.** Monetary donations are also appreciated as they will help provide Welcome Baskets items throughout the year when supplies run low. Please indicate "SG Welcome Baskets" in the memo line of donations. Thank you for your generosity!



## Youth & Family Ministry

### The Weekly Update



### The "Wall O' Money" Is UP!

Stop by the Wall O' Money board in the atrium after worship the next three Sundays (Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8) to hear from students going on summer trips who need help getting

there! It's a great opportunity to hear where youth are going to visit and the amazing ministry they are invited to be a part of.

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### MSM Update

On Wednesday, 1/21, younger middle schoolers played kickball in the gym and then we learned lessons about acceptance and understanding and God's radical inclusion from Mary and Martha, the bickering sisters. Older middle schoolers practiced living into the "brand-new-thing" God is doing in us and the world (2 Corinthians 5:17). In true Epiphany fashion, we gathered around an old liturgical lighthouse banner, on which we placed lit candles along with our hopes for 2026. And we were reminded who and whose we are, that we have been given the light of God's love in Jesus to light up our lives and share with the world. Next week, 1/28, we'll look forward to summer events, camp, trips, and all the other amazing things God will do in our community and us.

### A Few Updates

1. Get ready. Wall O' Money (summer camp/trip fundraiser) will take place on January 25, February 1 & 8 – [info and signup here](#)
2. **CAN WE COUNT ON YOU? Summer Service Trip to Duluth, MN – July 26-31 – current 6-8 grade – [register here](#)**
3. **Serve cookies and coffee on Sunday (2 hrs) – [sign up here](#)**
4. Be a Pizza Person on Wednesday (next one: 1/28) – [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



## A Message From the Six ELCA Bishops in Minnesota:

In the midst of fear, grief, and uncertainty in our state, the six ELCA bishops of Minnesota shared a joint message:

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## 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)

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