



# INCARNATION

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



### February 1, 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 #504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer

Anthem

Release of ILC Kids

Reading—Matthew 5: 1-12 (A new way of seeing each other)

Sermon—Pastor Joy

Hymn—ELW #808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Prayers and Sharing the Peace

Communion (All are welcome)

Communion Music—ELW #479 We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #770 Give Me Jesus

Next Steps

Hymn—ELW #705 God of Grace and God of Glory

Sending

Postlude

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Words

Songs—All Are Welcome, Stronger

Special Music—Jesus See the Traveler (Sara Groves)

Reading—Matthew 5: 1-12 (A new way of seeing each other)

Sermon—Pastor Joy

Special Music—Peace (M. McDonald)

Prayers and Sharing the Peace

Communion (All are welcome)

Next Steps  
Song—Love The Lord  
Sending  
Postlude—Anchor of Peace

[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

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 Marlys J. Nelson on her death

*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.*



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.

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:

[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 over the next two Sundays (February 1 and 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.





**INCARNATION**

SENIOR MINISTRY

## Discover the Joy of Creation! Wednesday, February 4, from 1–3 pm

**Well-BEING Wednesdays** kicks off with creativity, which has mental, emotional, cognitive, & social benefits.

- Reduces stress & anxiety
- Improves mood
- Builds resilience
- Improves focus
- Deepens connections
- Supports brain health
- Come paint with us - no prior experience necessary!



Spend a couple of hours with friends and explore your God-given creativity. All supplies (easels, brushes, paint, canvases, etc.) are provided, and Sarah Geesey, who brings 25 years of experience teaching art, will give you step-by-step instruction. You'll be proud to bring home your masterpiece!

**When: THIS Wednesday, February 4, from 1-3 pm**

**Cost: \$35 per person, payable on the day of the event by cash, check, or Venmo.**

**Reservations:** Spots are limited & a reservation is required. [Email Patty Nilsen](mailto:patty.nilsen@incarnation.org), or call the church office at 651-484-7213 to reserve your spot. Thank you!

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## Kairos

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.

### 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.



### 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.



## 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: @fmsc\_at\_incarnation



A new offering of Small Groups — visit our website for more information:

Small Groups

## Incarnation Discovery Center Is Open for Enrollment

**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

A circular inset photo shows a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a red shirt, playing an acoustic guitar.

## 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.

**Solid Ground**  
HELPING FAMILIES BUILD STRONG FOUNDATIONS

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

Thank you so much to those of you who stepped up to support the work God is doing in our community this summer. After one week, we've raised hundreds, and we're hoping for thousands more. These funds will be used to help our kids get to camp—to have experiences with God and each other that simply cannot happen anywhere else—so thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Confirmation on Wednesday, 1/28, we looked forward to summer events, camp, trips, and all the other amazing things God will do in our community and us. We made sandwiches for the Division of Indian Work in Mpls, played games, sang, danced, made snowflakes for VBS decorations, etc. For more on summer activities, visit our [summer webpage](#) or stop by the summer table for more info. Next week, 2/4, younger middle schoolers will learn a valuable lesson about God's radical love and inclusion from the story of Judas Iscariot, while 8th graders begin their 5th core course, *Church Outside the Walls*, as they explore our calling to co-create a better, more loving world with God.

### A Few Updates

1. Fundraising for summer activities: Wall O Money will continue on February 1 & 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



## 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:

A Message From the Six ELCA Bishops in Minnesota

## 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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