



INCARNATION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



February 22, 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
Welcome
Call to Worship
Hymn—ELW #807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Prayer for Illumination
Anthem
Release of ILC Kids
Reading—John 2:1-11 (Wedding at Cana)
Sermon—Pastor Kai
Hymn—ELW #312 Jesus, Come! For We Invite You [REGENT SQUARE]
Confession & Forgiveness
Sharing Peace
Holy Communion (All are welcome)
Next Steps
Hymn—ELW #660 Lift High the Cross (vv. 1-2,4)
Benediction
Postlude

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

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
Opening Songs—Come and Let Us Sing
Come As You Are
Special Music
Reading—John 2:1-11 (Wedding at Cana)
Sermon—Pastor Kai
Special Music
Confession & Forgiveness

Holy Communion (All are welcome)
Next Steps
Closing Song—Take My Life
Sending
Postlude

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

Prayer Concerns

Jeanine Olson; Dottie House; Carlos Rodriguez; Erin Holmen; Deb Rykken; Karen Stauder; Kara Genia & family; Jon Nelson; Kate Tollefson & family; Carol Beckerleg; Marian Ness; Lowell Odland; Linda Hudepohl; Sheri & Jim Anderson's daughter-in-law; Chris & Marilyn Bretoi's brother-in-law; 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

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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars®

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

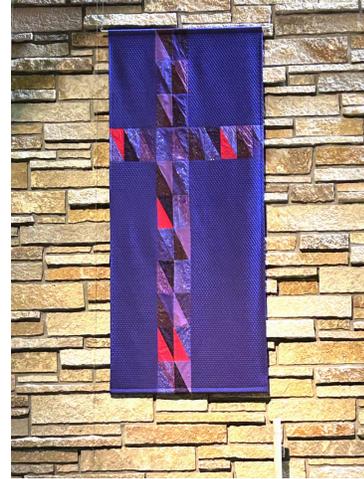
Together, you were able to donate \$4,016.00 to benefit our Operating budget. We are so very grateful for the additional financial support.

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

Lenten Worship Banner

The quilted banner features a cross and spikes, tools of crucifixion. The spikes are symbolized by the triangular shape of the fabric pieces in the cross design. Five red spikes represent the wounds of Jesus (hands, feet, side).



Lent — at a Glance

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

Lent Small Groups

- **Sunday mornings** — Grant Rykken is leading a group that will begin on Sunday morning, Feb 22 at 10 am – 11:15 am worship in Adult Room D. You are welcome to just show up or email Grant horacegrant@mac.com
- **Monday evenings** — Nancy Stutzman is leading a group that will begin on Monday, March 2, and meet through March 23. Sign up at the table on Sunday, Feb 22, or email Nancy nancystutzman@comcast.net
- **Wednesday mornings** — Donna Rauch and Deb Morey are starting on **Wednesday, Feb 25 at 10:00 am** and repeating on Wednesdays, ending with March 25. They would be happy to invite in 3-4 more participants. Sign up at the table on Sunday, Feb 22, or email Donna donna.rauch@msn.com



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](#)

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.



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.



“Soups On!” All Hands on Hope Soup Supper Fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children

The FMSC Action Group is preparing for this year's All Hands on Hope MobilePack™, held at Incarnation April 22 – 26, 2026. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at a packing session (or two!) – you can register to [volunteer here](#).



But first, please join us in raising funds to help cover the cost of the MobilePack ingredients. During Lent, Incarnation will be hosting Soup & Sandwich Suppers (soup, sandwiches, crackers, and dessert) in Grace Hall before the Wednesday night Lenten services from 5:30-6:45 pm. On March 4, all proceeds from the free-will offering at the Soup Supper will support the All Hands on Hope MobilePack. Our goal is to raise \$180,000 to cover the cost of ingredients for 1,683 kids for a year. Join us in supporting MobilePack™ and enjoy a delicious community dinner.

There are many volunteer opportunities to serve during our Soup & Sandwich Supper on March 4. Visit the [SignUp Genius page](#) for more information.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry. Together, we can work until all are fed!

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign 2026

Food & Fund Drive to benefit the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

Join us for the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the state's largest grassroots fundraiser to fight food insecurity! From **March 1 to April 6**, we are partnering with the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf to help provide essential groceries and services to nearly 4,000 neighbors in need each month. Whether you choose to donate high-demand items using our grocery bags at church or contribute financially [online](#), your generosity helps Ralph

Reeder secure additional bonus grants to stretch every dollar further. **Learn more on our website:**

Grocery List of Needs - March FoodShare Month 

- 1 Snacks - granola bars, fruit snacks, fish crackers, graham crackers, triscuits, chips, nuts, etc.
- 2 Baking Supplies - Flour, Sugar, Oil, Dessert Mix
- 3 Condiments - Mayonnaise, Salsa, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Salad Dressing
- 4 Meals - mac and cheese cups, chili, stew, etc.
- 5 Side Dishes- rice a roni, flavored noodles, mac and cheese, tuna & hamburger helpers
- 6 Breakfast - Hot and Cold Cereal, Granola, Cereal Bars
- 7 Crackers - Triscuit, Wheat Thins, Ritz, Graham Crackers
- 8 Beverages - Juice, Coffee, Tea
- 9 Hygiene - Fem Hygiene, cleaning sprays, paper towels, toilet paper
- 10 Laundry detergent, dish/dishwasher soap

Last year, our food insecure neighbors made 47,800 visits to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf and we gave out over one million pounds of food. Share what you can - Thank you!

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
WHERE THE NEEDS GREAT

MARCH CAMPAIGN

Reminder: a portion of all pounds of food and dollars are matched by the FoodShare Fund. Deadline - 4/06/26

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign



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

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.



March 1

Joy, Patience, and Perseverance in Christian Life Today

Presenter: Deanna Thompson recently retired after 29 years in higher education

In the book of Romans, the Apostle Paul implores Christians to “rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer” (12.12). Paul’s charge was no small thing for Christians in the first century, and it’s no small thing for 21st-century Christians. Join Dr. Deanna



Thompson as she explores what it looks like for us to be joyful, patient, and persevering in our world today.

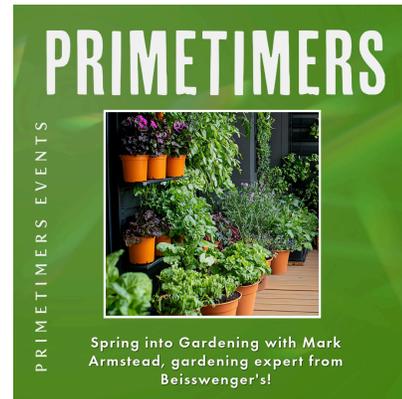
Most recently, Thompson was the Director of the Lutheran Center for Faith, Values, and Community and Martin E. Marty Regents Chair of Religion and the Academy at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. Her scholarship focuses on topics ranging from Martin Luther and feminism to the intersections of cancer, trauma, and faith, and being the church in the digital age. She is the author of five books, including *The Virtual Body of Christ in a Suffering World* and, most recently, *Glimpsing Resurrection: Cancer, Trauma, and Ministry*.

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! Click the button below for more information, to schedule a tour, and to register.

[Learn More About Incarnation Discovery Center](#)



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



MSM Update

Ash Wednesday was 2/18... the beginning of the season of Lent. Within the larger theme of Tell Me Something Good, we learned from the Parable of the Great Dinner in Luke 14:15-24 that the good news is that all are invited. If we're honest, it's one of the most annoying parts about the love of God in Jesus. Even those we are tempted to think are undeserving are invited. There was no cyf programming, though a few of us finished 400 sandwiches to be delivered to the Division of Indian Work on Friday, 2/20. 8th graders begin their mentoring process. We pray for mentors and mentees as they begin this journey. Next week, 2/25, younger middle schoolers will step into the expansive story of Mary Magdalene, while 8th graders will continue with their mentoring sessions.

A Few Updates

1. Summer Service Trip to Duluth, MN – July 26-31 – current 6-8 grade – [register here](#) - REGISTRATION CLOSING MARCH 1, REGISTER NOW
2. Serve cookies and coffee on Sunday (2 hrs) – [sign up here](#)
3. Serve the Meal on Wednesday during Lent (next one: 3/4) – [sign up here](#)

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

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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