

LIFETIMES

March 2026

From the Pastor



Kai Nilsen
Senior Pastor

Two weeks ago, one of our younger students handed me this drawing. As I looked at it quickly, I thought to myself, “What a beautiful image—God’s got the whole world in his hands!” Then, his father did a quick interpretation, “He wanted to show you his picture of what it looks like to co-create a more loving world!” I loved it. It is now the bookmark in my bible.

It got me thinking, how does community develop?
How do community connections deepen?

Connection in community develops when we start using a common language, tell common stories. Think of groups of friends, of any age. Whenever they gather, whether they see each other frequently or haven’t for years, they go right back to the stories that shaped their



relationships; they share a common language.

Over time, community deepens, and the culture of a community is created when the language and the stories get translated into behaviors—how we choose to interact with one another and the world.

Then it got me thinking, what is happening at ILC? How are connections being developed? What are our common themes and stories? How is the community deepening?

It made me think about some of the phrases that we say and hear frequently:

- Church within the walls and the church outside the walls.
- All are welcome.
- We are on an inward/outward journey.
- Learning to live and love like Jesus, for a lifetime.
- Co-creating a better, more loving world.

The common stories we create around these themes have connected us with one another for many years. But, how is our community deepening? How is the culture being formed?

I’d love to hear your responses to those questions, but I am continually inspired by the stories I hear from you:

- As I watch you encourage and care for one another when life is hard.
- As I hear about the work you do in the world and the spirit of that work, wherever it is.
- As I sense your faithfulness in worship, small groups, and learning. You listen well and ask good questions.
- As I hear from others about the volunteers from ILC who are co-creating a better, more loving world.
- As I’ve experienced your growing generosity that allows us to continue to grow the ministry we have been called to.

The community is connecting. The community is expanding. The community is deepening.

In other words, the Spirit is doing its work, and we are being open to it!

Co-creators of a better, more loving world. Glad to do this together. Peace, Kai



Joy McDonald Coltvet
Pastor for Faith Formation

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, February 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 numbers of printed copies desired)

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





Ted Trahan
Council President

Now a green blade rises... and it will become kale. The miracle of new life is already taking shape in our basement. We planted seeds only three days ago, and the curled form of sprouts raise their heads from the soil. Outside, the latest snowfall disguises the ice underneath.

Each year in the spring, I am newly delighted as sprouts, buds, and tiny, bright green leaves erupt from soil and trees that have lain dormant through the harsh winter. In a similar way, a green blade rising is indeed a beautiful metaphor for the resurrection of Jesus.

By no means have we been dormant at our church this winter; still, spring brings refreshment to Incarnation in several ways. Mike Sell breathes new life into **Young Adult Ministry, covering ages 18–30's**, starting with Pickleball at Smash Park Roseville, March 7, 3:00-6:00 P.M. Incarnation pickle ballers, prepare to meet your match! Reach out to a young adult within your sphere and connect them to this event and evolving community. Find more information at the link below.

Another beginning: **Well-being Wednesday gatherings for seniors**. Patty Nilsen, leader of Senior Ministry, meets with members to provide care and support during life transitions, and has led grief support and caregiver support groups at Incarnation. She is launching the Wednesday series to foster fellowship while enhancing various aspects of well-being. Look for more details in this March Lifetimes newsletter.

Young Adult and Senior Ministries are initiatives arising from our 3 Year Plan and are funded by the Building For Our Future campaign. And there's more BFOF actions coming this spring. Look for new and replacement HVAC unit installation. The HVAC units' rooftop placement begins in late March and completes by mid-May. Two parking lot areas will also see improvements, likely in the June-July timeframe. This work is out for bid.

March finds us soberly observing Lent. From ashes we have come, to ashes we shall return. The physical parts of our ancestors are just that — ashes in an urn or scattered, remains laid to rest and marked with an engraved stone. **Please join me to thank the cemetery committee and volunteers** for the many hours of work they contribute in honor and memory of loved ones at the Incarnation Cemetery. Have you visited the cemetery? It's at 899 Ash Street in Lino Lakes. In addition to columbarium niches and burial sites, the cemetery has a pond, lovely gardens, paved driveways, parking areas, and walkways. Bill Reichwald leads the Cemetery Committee. This committee is comprised of 6 members from Incarnation and has overall responsibility for managing the Garden group and the Mowing, Landscaping, and Snow Removal Group, acquiring technology such as the new cemetery software management system, and planning for future cemetery capacity.

And soon, the forty days of Lent reflecting Jesus' forty days in the wilderness will give way to a much deeper, life-giving green blade rising. Meanwhile, I'll need lots of butter to make the kale palatable. Pass the salt.

Registration link for Pickleball at Smash Park Roseville:
<https://tinyurl.com/2sdjdee5>

Endowment Fund Committee Seeking Budding Ideas!

As you may know, over 20 years ago, Incarnation established an Endowment Fund to enhance the congregation's outreach beyond its general operations. At the end of 2020, the endowment committee created the **Budding Idea Grants** (BIGs) to help put promising ideas to work in the greater community — locally, and beyond. The committee is asking for BIG proposals. Do you, or someone you know, have an idea that will do good for the community but needs seed money?

Details on eligibility and how to apply can be found on the Incarnation website at this link:

[BIG-brochure-web.pdf](#). If you have questions, you may email grants@incarnationmn.org to connect with the endowment fund committee.

YA Event: Pickleball for Young Adults



Young Adults of Incarnation (18-30's), come play pickleball at Smash Park Roseville March 7, 3:00 – 6:00 PM and connect with other young adults in our community. All friends and guests are welcome to join. This is our first event for young adult ministry at Incarnation so we hope to see you there!

Use the registration link to RSVP and email Mike at mSELL@incarnationmn.org with any questions.

<https://onrealm.org/IncarnationLuth/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MDAxNTVhNGUtMDUzOS00MTcwLTkyYTtYjNmNjAxMWOxMzA2>



Sign-up at incarnationmn.org/ilckids

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Find Your Strength in God!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

June 15-18 | 9am-Noon

Adult Guides
Game Leaders & Support
Bible Time Leaders & Support
Check-in & Welcome Crew
Craft Leaders & Support
Decorating & Clean up Crew
Snack Support
Youth Small Group Leaders

Youth & Adults Sign-up at
incarnationmn.org/ilckids

Palm Family Sunday

Join us Sunday March 29

Palm Sunday Worship

ILC Kids singing at the 9am worship.

In-between worship services all are welcome to join us in the gathering space for a family friendly activity that walks through the emotions of Holy Week.





Patty Nilsen
Senior Ministry Leader

Wellbeing Wednesdays are an opportunity for us to gather in community through experiences and/or conversations on topics that may enhance physical, psychological/emotional health, social, and spiritual health.

On our first **Wellbeing Wednesday**, over 30 of us gathered to tap into our creative selves at a painting class offered by Incarnation member, Sarah Geesey.



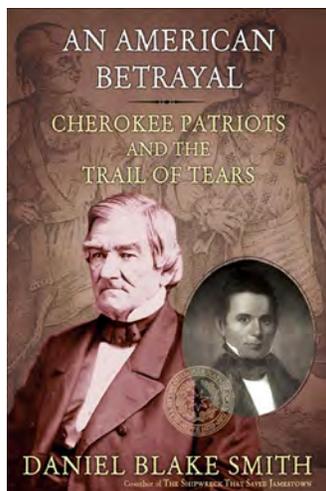
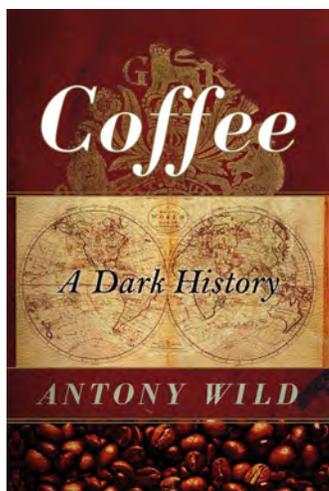
Upcoming Wellbeing Wednesdays

- March 18, 10–11:30 AM in the Fireside Lounge: **Declutter Your Space and Free Up Your Spirit.** Why do we have so much stuff and what do we do with it? Led by Dawn Etmund, Incarnation member and owner of Caring Transitions in Roseville.
- April 1, 10–11:30 AM in the Fireside Lounge. **Prayer Journaling**, led by Incarnation member Vicky Engelen.

A **Caregivers Support Group** was offered for 4 weeks at Incarnation in January. It was good to gather with those carrying the heavy load as primary caregiver for a spouse or family member with physical, emotional, or mental illness. If you or someone you know is caregiving for a family member diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another dementia, our ministry partner, Lyngblomsten, offers the following **community services**:

1. **Memory Loss Caregivers Support Group** — The in-person group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:30–11:30 AM at Lyngbloomsten in Lino Lakes. (No fee)
2. **The Gathering** — an award-winning group respite program that provides enrichment to adults with memory loss and a 4-hour break for their family caregivers.
3. **WOOP for Dementia Caregivers Sessions** — an online program in which participants attend three sessions and learn a simple, evidence-based strategy called WOOP, which stands for Wish, Outcome, Obstacle, and Plan. WOOP helps caregivers focus on what they can control and turn their important wishes into action plans. Each WOOP Group offers community, support, and validation for caregivers as they learn about WOOP with one another. The next group begins in March. (No fee).
4. **Caregiver Social Worker Office Hours** — Resources, support, and education for family caregivers (no cost)
5. **Trualta** — An online caregiver training platform

Call 651-632-5320 or email caregiving@lyngblomsten.org for more information on these community resources.



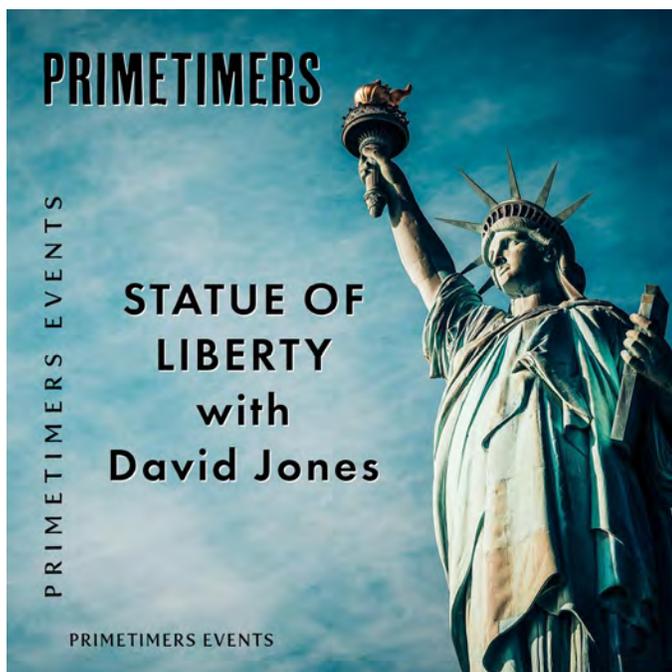
The Men's History Group meets on the first and third Tuesday at 9 AM in Bethany Lounge to discuss a non-fiction history book selected by one of the members. Anyone interested in the subject is invited to attend any session, even if you have not read the book of that month. Here are the next books:

MARCH — *“Coffee: A Dark History”* by Antony Wild. The 500-year history of coffee and its fascinating link to alchemy, anthropology, politics, religion, and science.

APRIL — *“An American Betrayal: Cherokee Patriots and the Trail of Tears”* by Daniel Blake Smith. A dark chapter in our nation's history.

Questions? Contact Jerry Gilbert at dacta49@msn.com.

PrimeTimers



Statue of Liberty

Thursday, March 26, 10:30 AM

David Jones, a historical presenter who hosts educational programs on the Statue of Liberty's history, will look at the idea, construction, and meaning behind one of the world's most recognizable symbols. We hope you can join us!

- **Thursday, March 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 give Julie Durbin a call by **Monday, March 23**, at 651-484-7213 to sign up.

Among the Congregation

PUBLIC 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

SYMPATHY TO: the family of Warren Greenbush on his death; Mary Gustafson and family on the death of her son

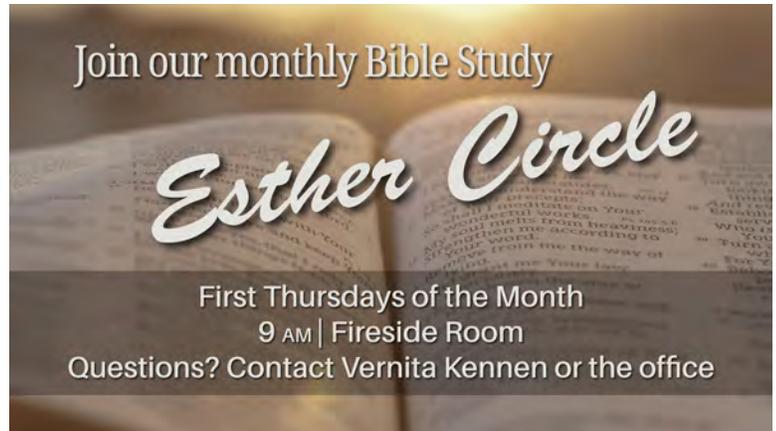
Join the women of the Esther Circle this month for coffee, conversation, and community! Whether you're a longtime member or new to the area, you are most welcome.

When: Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 AM

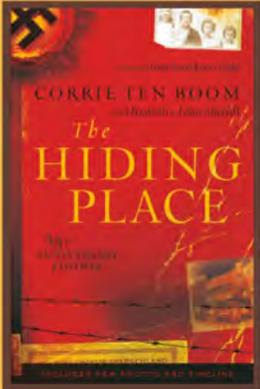
Where: The Fireside Room

What: We'll enjoy morning treats followed by a Bible study using Gather magazine.

You don't need to be a member of Incarnation to attend—just a woman looking to grow in faith and friendship. We hope to see you there!



Women Read



WOMEN READ

Wednesday, March 18

1 PM in Adult Room D

Join us for friendship and conversation about "The Hiding Place" by Corrie ten Boom.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 18
1:00 PM in Adult Room D

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

A historical novel of the first licensed female watchmaker in the Netherlands who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable ministers of hope in the twentieth century. Her incredible true story tells how faith, hope, and forgiveness triumph over unthinkable evil.

Join Our Quilting Group!

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12 & 19
9 AM – 12 PM in the Fireside Room

Are you looking for creativity, community, and a little color in your month? Our quilting group meets twice a month and welcomes everyone — no sewing experience needed!

Whether you love stitching, cutting fabric, pressing seams, organizing materials, or just enjoying good conversation while helping with hands-on projects, there's a place for you here.

Come see what we're all about and **celebrate National Quilting Day with us on March 19**. We'd love to have you join us!

JOIN OUR QUILTING GROUP!

Every 2nd & 3rd Thursday of the Month
9 AM – 12 Noon | Fireside Room

- Everyone Welcome!
- No Sewing Experience Needed!
- Many Different Tasks to Enjoy!
- Questions? Contact Marlys M. Nelson or the office.

Celebrating National Quilting Day March 19

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.



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

March 1
Joy, Patience, and Perseverance in Christian Life Today

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.



Presenter: Kathryn Tiede, Associate Vice President of Philanthropy, Lutheran Social Services (LSS)

March 8
LSS Center for Changing Lives: Frogtown

For decades, Incarnation has partnered with LSS to provide care for youth and young adults experiencing crisis, especially for young moms and their babies who live at LifeHaven. Pastor Tiede will tell about the new Center for Changing Lives Frogtown/ Rondo. It will provide more apartments for youth in crisis, including some moms and their children who are ready to leave LifeHaven, but not quite prepared for independent living. The new building will have multiple social services, an early childhood learning center, expanded apartments, and much more!

As LSS Associate Vice President for Philanthropy, Tiede’s responsibilities include engaging in LSS fundraising activities on behalf of LSS, preaching and teaching on behalf of LSS. Prior to her LSS leadership, she served as pastor of Living Waters Lutheran Church in Lino Lakes.



Presenter: Nancy Haugen, Chair of Elder Voice Advocates

March 15
Elder Care and Advocacy

Haugen will share perspectives on elder care and elder advocacy, drawing from her experience working with Elder Voice Advocates, a coalition of elders, adults with disabilities and their family members that supports the human right of all individuals to age in dignity as members of the community of their choice, Through public policy advocacy EVA promotes transparency and accountability of long-term care providers as well as working to secure enhanced rights and protections for older adults.

Haugen, a public health nurse with a M.S. degree in Mental Health Nursing, serves as board chair of Elder Voice Advocates and earlier served four years on the Minnesota Department of Health Home Care and Assisted Living Advisory Council.



March 22 & 29

Waiting to Hear!!! Following Jesus into the Future

Lewis will focus on what the farewell discourse in John's Gospel teaches us about discipleship. Chapters 1-17 narrate Jesus' last night with his disciples before his arrest, washing their feet and promising the sending of the Holy Spirit.

These are also Jesus' farewell words as he prepares his disciples for his departure and what is to come, sharing with his disciplines and with us five characteristics of following Jesus. What does discipleship look like in Jesus' absence?

Presenter: Karoline Lewis, Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching, Luther Seminary

Lewis is the author of a commentary on the Gospel of John and most recently, the Together By Grace Bible Study on John for Augsburg Fortress. She oversees the popular preaching resource Working Preacher and leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership, and women in ministry.

Creation Care Corner

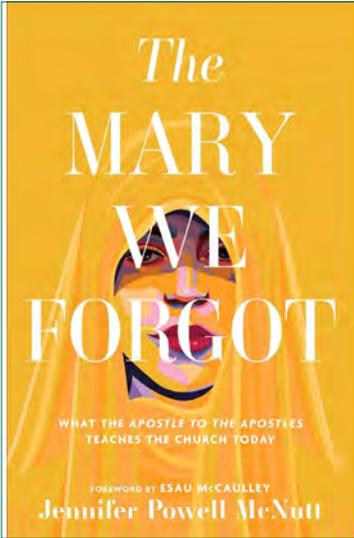


Welcome to the **Creation Care Corner**, information from the Creation Care Action Group. We hope to keep you informed about Creation Care projects at Incarnation and to provide ideas and resources for your own journey toward creating a more sustainable world. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Nancy Stutzman at nancystutzman@comcast.net or Mike Vant at mjvant@gmail.com

Today's Topic: You Are Invited to a Watch Party!

You are invited to a watch party on April 18 for the 2026 Eco Faith Summit of the Upper Midwest. The Eco Faith Network is a collaboration of several Upper Midwest ELCA synods and the Saint Paul Area Synod Care of Creation Work Group to promote environmental action within and beyond synods. Every year, they host a summit in Duluth that includes a worship service, speakers, and a discussion centered on our Christian response to the climate crisis. This year's summit theme is "From Fear to Fire: Igniting Community for a Planet in Peril". The 2026 Eco Faith Summit, held in Duluth on April 18, is also available for live streaming, so there is no need to make the drive to Duluth. ILC is also partnering with Christ the King Lutheran in New Brighton for this live streaming event. The day starts around 9:15 in the morning and goes until 4:30 in the afternoon, but feel free to come for a little or a lot of the day as you are able. There is no cost to attend. Stay tuned for more details as plans are finalized regarding the location (either ILC or Christ the King) and other details.

See the link at <https://www.ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2026> for more information about the Eco Faith Summit.



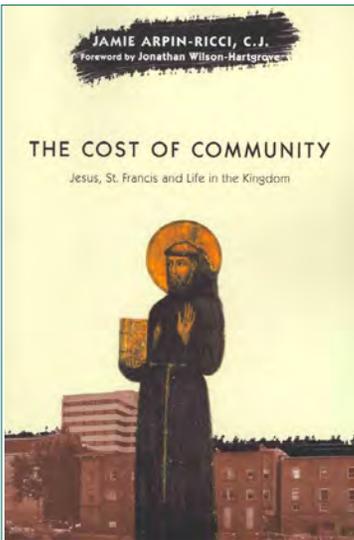
**The Mary We Forgot:
What the Apostle to the Apostles Teaches the Church Today
By Jennifer Powell McNutt**

The Mary We Forgot: What the Apostle to the Apostles Teaches the Church Today by Jennifer Powell McNutt is an excellent book to read at any time, but especially when we are in the season of Easter and understand that it is Mary Magdalene who runs from the tomb telling “I have seen the Lord” (John 20:18).

Mary’s story is one that has often been misunderstood by the church and, worse yet, one that has been scandalized and undervalued for generations. Perhaps you, too, grew up hearing about “that Mary” because there are a number of Mary’s in the gospels, and it is easy to get confused. McNutt brings both scripture and history into this easy-to-read book that helps us sort out the true story. She uses the first part of the book to focus on who Mary is and the second half to explore her

significance to the early church and to us today. (It was fun reading the comments from one reviewer who said she used up an entire highlighter reading this book!)

This title helps us understand that it is ordinary people, we who are not perfect or expected, who are the ones who are asked to “go and tell”, to share the good news about the Risen Lord.



**The Cost of Community:
Jesus, St. Francis and Life in the Kingdom
By Jamie Arpin-Ricci, C.J.**

The Cost of Community: Jesus, St. Francis and Life in the Kingdom by Jamie Arpin-Ricci, C.J., is built around the friends and neighbors of Little Flowers Community in urban Winnipeg. The book has surprising insights into the spirit of Jesus’ teachings about discipleship, especially in the Sermon on the Mount. It describes both what is offered to us in the life of discipleship and what is demanded of those of us who attempt to follow the way of Jesus.

You will find this an interesting corollary and new way to consider the Sermon on the Mount, much like you may have done during Incarnation’s sermon series based on the book *Looking Inward, Living Outward*. What does it mean to live in community? What is the community into which we at Incarnation are called to live as free followers of our Christ and care for everyone and everything in God’s world?

Financial Report

FINANCE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2026

January Actual Operating & Mortgage Revenue	\$256,460	YTD Actual Op & Mort Revenue	\$256,460	YTD Budgeted Oper. & Mort. Revenue	\$240,367
January Actual Operating & Mortgage Expense	\$291,470	YTD Actual OP & Mort Expense	\$291,470	YTD Budgeted Oper. & Mort. Expense	\$312,118
OPERATING TOTALS	-\$35,010		-\$35,010		-\$71,751

Food & Fund Drive to Benefit the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

March 1 – April 6, 2026

The largest grassroots fundraiser and food drive in the state, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, brings together various community organizations, businesses, and faith communities to help restock food shelves statewide, including the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. The [Ralph Reeder Food Shelf](#) invited us to participate in the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign by joining our friends and neighbors in collecting donations.

Your efforts will provide food and other programming and services to nearly 4,000 children, adults, and seniors who receive services from the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf each month. Last year alone, the food shelf distributed over 1 million pounds of food and other essentials to our neighbors in need.



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!



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

You may be asking yourself, "How can we help this year?"

Donate Food — Incarnation will be hosting a month-long food drive targeting the [Ralph Reeder Food Shelf](#)'s most-needed items at this time. Paper bags with grocery lists will be available at the church starting on Sunday, 3/1/2026. Please return the bags to the church no later than Sunday, 3/29/2026. **The more pounds of food and hygiene items we collect, the larger the bonus Ralph Reeder receives from Minnesota Foodshare. Share what you can!**

Donate Funds — Some folks may still want to donate money or a combination of food and money. Donations can be made in several ways:

- via a check made out to Incarnation with *Ralph Reeder Food Shelf* in the memo
- online via this link to Incarnation's Pushpay Giving page, choosing *Ralph Reeder Food Shelf* from the Fund drop-down menu: <https://pushpay.com/g/incarnationmn>

Every little bit helps! We thank you for your generosity.

"Soups On!" All Hands on Hope Soup Supper Fundraiser for FMSC

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 — 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 ingredients needed to feed 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!



2026 Habitat for Humanity/Holy Hammers Project



On Sunday, February 15, T. Mychael Rambo was speaking to the new and returning Habitat supporters when he sang, "Wake up the builders, Time to build a new land, I know we can do it, If we all lend a hand". This year the Holy Hammers will be returning to The Heights development in St. Paul, where TCHFH is building 147 affordable homes. Our eight-week project will start on April 27 and end on June 26, and the work will be new construction, working on finishing the interior and exterior of a house that was

started last fall. For those who are not familiar with the Holy Hammers, it is an ecumenical ministry of 15 area churches that has supported TCHFH with construction labor and financial assistance since 1999.

Incarnation's contribution will include construction workers, food providers, and financial support. No construction experience is required because the work is done in teams, and any skill needed can be learned on the job. We do appreciate the skill of the food providers, because the tasty lunches and snacks are the highlights of the day. There will be an information table after each service on March 8, 15, and 22, where you can learn about the project and volunteer opportunities. Anyone 16 and older is eligible to work. There is no upper age limit.