

LIFETIMES

October 2025

From the Pastor



Kai Nilsen
Senior Pastor

What a wonderful start to the fall at ILC. On a frigid evening, hundreds of ILC members and community members came out for our third annual Block Party. The music was wonderful, including a high school band from our congregation. The kids playing on the bouncy houses didn't seem to mind the temperatures. I'm so

grateful for the dozens of servant-minded people who spent hours (so many, many hours) preparing the meal, setting up the space, welcoming the community, and then tearing it down.

The following Sunday, we had our first (annual?) Pet Blessing Service. What a blast! A few cats and a rabbit braved the almost 50 dogs who came for the blessing. I don't know who was more excited—caretakers or pets!



This past Sunday, we celebrated the Installation of Pastor Joy, almost a year in the waiting! We were grateful for Bishop Lull and our preacher, Kristina Fruge from Augsburg College and the Riverside Innovations Hub. The music was stirring. The spirit was palpable.

We also sent off over 100 kids for their first ILC Sunday experience during the 9:00 AM service and celebrated an adult who has made a recommitment to their life of faith at 10:30 AM.

What a wonderful start to the fall.



Financially, we made a significant move forward in August, to the tune of \$46,000 income over expense. That puts us \$7,000 ahead on our mortgage commitments for 2025. While that still leaves us \$109,000 behind in our Operating Line (ministry, outreach, staffing, facility), it's good to be heading into the fall with some momentum. We typically see deficits in our operating income/expense line at the end of the summer. We trust that we will be generous this fall to make up that gap.

We took some significant steps this summer on the Building for Our Future facility projects. This phase of the roof project is nearly completed. The solar panels are installed. We are now waiting for the fencing and then the final inspection before we flip the switch.

Of the \$2,911,000 committed for Building for Our Future through 2026, \$2.4 million has already been given. This amount will cover our anticipated costs for the 2025 projects. If you have made a commitment and are waiting to fulfill it, the time is now. We'd love to have the money on hand as we complete the projects in 2026.

Peace, Kai



Tracy Strantz
Council President

leaders, committee members, and volunteers for all you do that enables us to progress our Three-Year Plan and create meaningful impacts.

In recent weeks, we've launched our Nominating Committee, which consists of both ministry and committee leaders, who support a very important process every year at this time. We partner with the Nominating Committee to identify interested candidates to serve on the Council, represent Incarnation within our Synod, and participate in our Endowment Committee.

All three of these volunteer capacities provide interesting learning opportunities and a chance to collaborate with others to support this community and our partnerships. I have learned so much during my time on Council, and it has only increased my understanding of and appreciation for all that happens inside and outside our walls.

Within the next few weeks, we will be working with the Nominating Committee to confirm recommendations and share more information with potential candidates. Once we have finalized our recommendations, we will share updates during our November 2nd Discussion Forum ahead of the November 16th Congregation

Meeting. The Congregation Meeting will take place briefly following each service for the congregation to approve the nominated candidates.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these three roles, please send us an email at council@incarnationmn.org or stop by and visit us in person at the Welcome Kiosk on Sundays. We are making an adjustment to the Kiosk scheduling. The Kiosk will be staffed by a Council Member between the Sunday worship services. Depending on which service the Council Member attends, it's possible you may see us before the early service or after the later service, but the primary availability will occur between the two services. As always, we welcome any comments, feedback, or questions you may have for Council.



Financial Report

Finance Report August 2025

August Actual Operating & Mortgage Revenue	\$241,380	YTD Actual Ops & Mortgage Revenue	\$1,664,993	YTD Budgeted Operating & Mortgage Revenue	\$1,743,476
August Actual Operating & Mortgage Expense	\$195,299	YTD Actual Ops & Mortgage Expense	\$1,774,317	YTD Budgeted Operating & Mortgage Expense	\$1,795,677
OPERATING TOTALS	\$46,080		-\$109,324		-\$52,201

Greetings From the Music Department!



Sean Turner
Minister of Worship,
Music & the Arts

What an exciting start to our program year! All of our ensembles are in full swing! We've already heard wonderful music from our Senior Choir, Bell Choirs, Contemporary ensemble, guest string musicians, and record-breaking attendance for the incredible Bach Society concert of "Vivaldi on Fire" — and we are just getting started!

Year by year, involvement in all of our musical programs has grown exponentially. We are so grateful for your commitment and support!

If you or your child has an interest in exploring the many musical opportunities available at Incarnation, please contact Sean Turner (sturner@incarnationmn.org) for Senior Choir and Brass Ensemble, Amy Maakestad (amaakestad@incarnationmn.org) for bell choirs and Prime Chimers, and Kathleen Johnson (kjohnson@incarnationmn.org) for the Joyful Noise children's choir.

See you in worship!

— Sean Turner



The Bach Society performing "Vivaldi on Fire"



Senior Ministry



Patty Nilsen
Senior Ministry Leader

If you are interested in helping shape our new senior ministry program, I would love to hear from you. What programs, events, and small groups would you like to see offered? Do you or someone you know have expertise on crafting a meaningful retirement? Are you a current or former healthcare provider interested in developing a healthy living series? Are you a movie buff who would like to start a movie club at ILC? Do you need care or support if you are a caregiver? Would you enjoy group travel with fellow members of ILC? Do you have ideas about how to connect with others during these sometimes quieter, sometimes more vulnerable seasons?

Patty Nilsen
Senior Ministry Leader
pnilsen@incarnationmn.org
office: 651-461-7785



Join us for the
**3rd Grade Interactive
Bible Workshop!**

Sunday, October 5 | 1pm-2pm | Fireside Lounge
Register at incarnationmn.org/ilckids



Family Funday Sunday

On October 12 worship as family at either 9:00am or 10:30am and in-between services we invite families to join us in the gathering space (inside door 2) for pumpkin decorating & apple cider

Confirmation Guides Needed... (3 of You!)



Are you trustworthy and safe? Can you comfortably talk to middle schoolers? Are you flexible, curious, and open to how God is at work in emerging generations? This is for you!

Chat with Nate and check out this doc:

<https://tinyurl.com/ConfirmationGuides>

New Member Class in October



New Member Class
Sunday, October 12
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Join our New Member Class on Sunday, October 12, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM after 10:30 AM worship. Lunch will be provided as we explore our faith, mission, vision, and values.

Please call Julie Durbin at 651-484-7213 to register. Nursery care for kids five and under is available upon request.



**Saturday, October 4 at Good Courage Farm
Harvest Festival (10:00 – 2:00)**

Come celebrate the abundant gifts God provides through the land! Gather at Good Courage Farm (Hutchinson, MN) to learn about agrarian Christian faith practices. Meet the people and animals that are part of the farm's ecology. Hear stories from the volunteers from more than a dozen churches who've helped grow and share more than 10,000 servings of healthful local food with neighbors experiencing hunger. Activities include farm tours, apple tasting, cider pressing, singing in the Silo, and sharing Holy Communion with bread and wine produced on the farm. Children are very welcome! There is no cost to participate in this day on the farm. [RSVP here for the Harvest Festival at Good Courage on the Feast of St. Francis.](#) Good Courage Farm is located at 21161 York Road in Hutchinson.



**Friday, October 10 at St. John's Episcopal Church (Mpls)
"No Galas!" Fall Fundraiser for Good Courage (7:00 PM)**

Join friends new and old in Linden Hills for a relaxed evening of apple tasting, story, and song. We'll introduce you to apples you've never tasted! Ever had an Arlet? A Frostbite or Keepsake apple? A Blue Pearmain? All are welcome to this event! A suggested \$50 donation supports Good Courage Farm's innovative ministry at the intersection of food, farming, and faith. [Tickets available here.](#) St. John's is located at [4201 Sheridan Ave S.](#), in the Linden Hills neighborhood of Minneapolis.

Fresh Produce for Neighbors in Need

As gardening season is about to begin, we want to make you aware of a new donation opportunity to benefit the **Ralph Reeder Food Shelf**. Beginning in June and running through "harvest season" this fall, please consider donating excess garden produce to RRFS. Two options:

1. Bring it to Incarnation on Sunday and place it in the **RRFS Perishable Goods** bin. Volunteers will deliver it to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf on Monday.
2. Bring it directly to the back door of RRFS Mon–Fri between 9 AM & NOON. Do not leave it in the bins outside. Rather, ring the bell to get assistance with the drop-off.

Thank you for sharing your gifts!



Welcome to the Creation Care Corner, information from the Creation Care Action Group. Our hope is to keep you informed about Creation Care projects at Incarnation as well as provide ideas and resources for your own journey in 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: MN Land of 10,000 Eroding Lakeshores

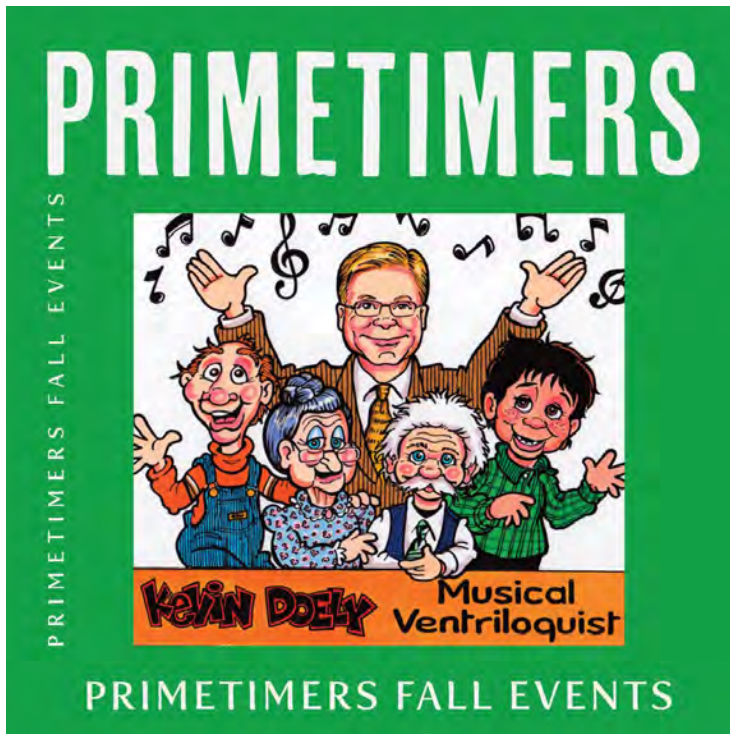
If you are like many Minnesota residents, you may own lakeshore property. The problem of an eroding shoreline due to fluctuating water levels, increased wave or wake action, ice pushes, loss of natural vegetation, and human activity is common. Homeowners are trying to preserve their shoreline, make it look neat and manicured, and enhance the recreational accessibility. A common answer to this is the installation of riprap or retaining walls at the shoreline. While these can sometimes slow erosion, they can negatively impact the water quality of the lake. Vegetation at the shoreline acts as a filter as runoff, often containing phosphorus from lawn fertilizer, enters the lake. "If one pound of phosphorus ends up in a lake, it creates 500 pounds of algae. And nobody wants to boat, recreate, or do anything in a swamp of algae," said Jarrett Drileck, a shoreline technician with the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District. A buffer of trees at the water's edge, as well as allowing natural shoreline vegetation to flourish, can help maintain water quality. Planting deep-rooted native species in between smaller boulders placed at the shoreline will help decrease erosion as well as support habitat for small fish, turtles, and pollinators. Our beloved loons are particularly susceptible to water quality as they fish and feed their young. If you are looking for some alternatives to riprap and walls to maintain your shoreline, the MN DNR has some great resources available. See the attached articles below for some alternatives.

https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/waters/shoreline_alterations_riprap.pdf

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2025/08/12/minnesota-is-armoring-its-shorelines-with-rocks-but-lakes-are-paying-a-price>



PrimeTimers Presents: "Laugh for Life!"



Join us for a morning of music, comedy, and good old-fashioned fun with Rev. Kevin Doely — a gospel singer, comedian, and talented ventriloquist who's guaranteed to keep you smiling!

Thursday, October 23

Doors open at 10:00 AM

Show starts at 10:30 AM

Lunch at 11:30 AM | \$10 (pay at the door)

Don't forget to reserve your lunch spot! Call the church office at 651-484-7213 to sign up.

Come ready to laugh and enjoy great company—it's going to be a wonderful time together!

Pickleball Is Back This Fall!



Starting Tuesday, October 14, our gym will reopen for "Pickleball." We're looking for enthusiastic players (of course!) and friendly door greeters to help welcome everyone in. Door greeters will cover two-hour shifts each session to let players into the building. For instructions and to sign up for available dates and times, click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C45ABAB28A57-51542625-pickleball#/>

Save the Date for the 2026 All Hands on Hope MobilePack™

April 22-April 26, 2026



Mark your calendars for the 2026 All Hands on Hope MobilePack™, held April 22-26, 2026 at Incarnation Lutheran Church. Incarnation's Feed My Starving Children Action Group

is in the beginning stages of planning this event and are looking forward to hosting volunteers as we celebrate our 19th MobilePack™.

[Feed My Starving Children \(FMSC\)](#) was founded in 1987 and is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to seeing all of God's children whole in body and spirit. This is accomplished by providing nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. Donations fund the meal ingredients and volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world who handle distribution. Kids are fed and lives are saved!

Incarnation Lutheran Church and FMSC have been in a Ministry Partnership since 2013, and hosted

MobilePacks since 2007. During those years, we welcomed more than 33,000 volunteers, packed 9.8 million meals, and fed over 27,000 kids one meal a day for a year.

The FMSC Action Group is looking for volunteers of all ages who are passionate about the FMSC mission who can help us plan and/or execute this exciting event. Specifically, we are looking those who are called to help recruit and organize volunteers, fundraise and manage social media. Our Action Group meets monthly for approximately two hours. We are considering developing sub-committees for various tasks which would streamline tasks and lead to easier scheduling and meeting time management. If you are interested in learning more about this fantastic service opportunity, please contact [Mike Vant](#) for more information.

To stay up to date on happenings throughout the year, see the monthly Lifetimes newsletter, weekly worship emails, follow us on the social media channels below or visit our [web page](#).

Facebook: @IncarnationMobilePack

Instagram: @fmisc_at_incarnation

Next Blood Drive: Thursday, November 6, 2025



With what inexorable inevitability these drives come back 'round!

Incarnation's next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.**



We are now well into our third year of hosting these life-saving events. Thanks to 500 generous donors, nearly 490 units of blood have been collected—helping patients and saving lives. Join us in November if you can. Schedule your donation at:

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

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: Rev. David Wangaard,
Senior Advisor, Church Relations,
Global Refuge*

October 5

Navigating the Work of Welcome with Global Refuge

For 166 years, Global Refuge also known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has welcomed Immigrants and Refugees to our country. It is how we as Lutherans answer Gods mandate to welcome the stranger. Gods mandate is even more important today as there are over 120 million displaced people in our world.

Rev. Wangaard has served the church for more than 42 years, including on the staff of Lutheran World Relief and Global Refuge. He has also been pastor of parishes in Alaska, northern Minnesota, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Baltimore.



*Presenter: Buff Grace, Director
of Faith Networks, Minnesota
Interfaith Power and Light*

October 12

Responding to Climate Change as Lutherans

What is climate change and how do we know it is real? How can we respond as faithful Christians and what actions make the most impact? Are there ways we understand climate change differently because of our faith?

While a congregational pastor, Grace first volunteered with MN interfaith Power & Light (MNPL) that serves about 400 Minnesota congregations. In 2019 he came on staff full-time and helps people of all faiths learn about energy efficiency, solar energy, and the theological roots of creation care.



*Presenter: Tim Pratt, Incarnation
Member, Manager of Minnesota's
Third Largest Recycling Program*

October 19

Yes, You Can Laugh and Save the World at the Same Time

Modifying how much we consume and how we manage our discards is one of the most impactful ways we can care for creation. Most of us know the importance of recycling, but there's much more we don't know. Tim a.k.a. Mr. Recycling will share tips to solve common recycling mysteries. Knowing more about reducing, reusing, and recycling empowers us to make decisions that will both improve our lives and preserve God's creation. Pratt, member of Incarnation's Creation Care team, manages the third largest municipal recycling program in Minnesota encompassing the cities of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, and New Hope. Previously he was the Recycling Coordinator at the City of Roseville and before that a television news producer. He has won eight awards from the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators and a regional Emmy for his video *Boxes, Bottles and Banana Peels: A Guide to School Recycling*.



Presenter: Mark Granquist,
Lloyd and Annelotte Svendsbye
Professor, the History of Christianity,
Luther Seminary

October 26

From Movement to Church: How the Lutherans Became a Church

During the 1520s, those who were drawn to Martin Luther's new gospel movement faced a daunting realization: increasingly they came to understand that for the sake of the gospel, they had to form a new kind of church. For our contemporary Lutheran heritage, we need to understand the decisions they made, and how they continue to shape and affect us.

Author of many books, book chapters many book chapters, articles and essays, especially on the history of Lutherans in North America, Granquist's most recent publication is *A History of Christianity in America* (Baker Academic, 2025). He serves as editor of the Luther Seminary journal *Word & World* and of the *Journal of the Lutheran Historical Conference*.

Among the Congregation

PUBLIC PRAYER CONCERNS: Mark Oswood; Tom Kosobayashi; Deb Rykken; Ken Olson; Dottie House; Amy Faymoville; Joan Volkmann; Karen Stauder; Anna Thorstad; Guy Ahlstrom; Kara Genia & family; Jon Nelson; Kate Tollefson & family; Carol Beckerleg; Marian Ness; Lowell Odland; Linda Hudepohl; Jennifer Hansmeier's Mother; Cindy Schlafmann's father; Dan Kratz's nephew; Lynn McGinty's father; 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; Kara Johnson's friends Ken & Trish; Nancy

Haugen's friends David, Michelle & family and Colette & family; Kim Wielenberg's friend, Cindy; Dede Mattison's friends, Allan and Yvonne

SYMPATHY TO: the family of Glen Floe; the family of Shirley Clare; Lana Bergin & family on the death of her brother; Dennis Erno & family on the death of his twin brother; the family of Grant Lovelle; the family of Elizabeth Swanson; the family of Bill Schulz

RECENTLY BAPTIZED: Affirmation of Baptism for Danielle Leann Bragstad Dykstra

Grief Support

Grief Support: Growing Through Loss

The Twin Cities' North Suburban Grief Support Coalition sponsors the "Growing Through Loss" series twice yearly, providing an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

For more information, visit the website at <http://growingthroughloss.org/>

View the current Fall 2025 schedule

Incarnation Lutheran Church is a member of the North Suburban Grief Support Coalition that sponsors the "Growing Through Loss" series.

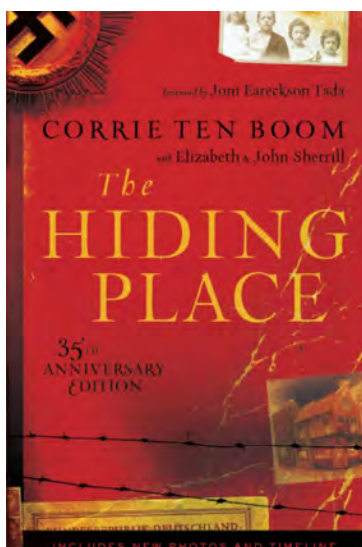
Thank You

Dear Friends of the Mounds View School District:

Thank you for your donation of \$20,000 for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. Gifts like yours make it possible for the District to provide services to many members of our community.

We are grateful to you for making the Mounds View Public Schools a priority. We appreciate your contribution.

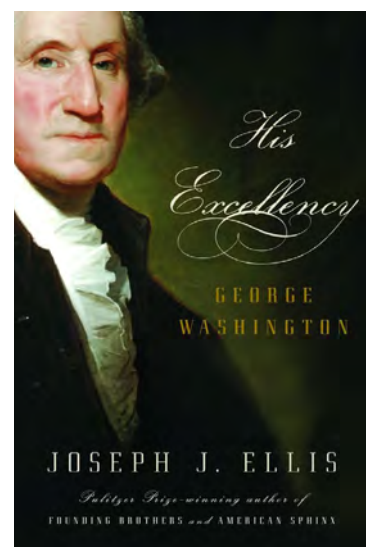
Sincerely,
Mounds View School Board
Diane Glasheen, Chair



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:

OCTOBER — *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom and John and Elizabeth Sherrill. The extraordinary adventure of one courageous Christian woman who became a militant heroine of the anti-Nazi underground in the Netherlands.

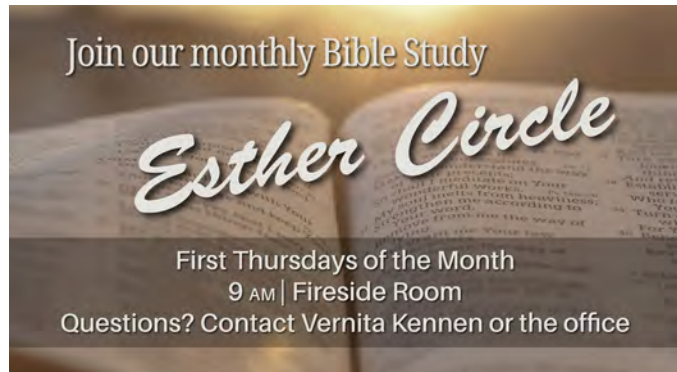
NOVEMBER — *"His Excellency: George Washington"* by Joseph Ellis. A biography of



the most important and perhaps least understood figure in American history, allowing us to comprehend the magnitude of Washington's accomplishments and the character of his spirit and mind.

For more information, contact Jerry Gilbert at dacta49@msn.com.

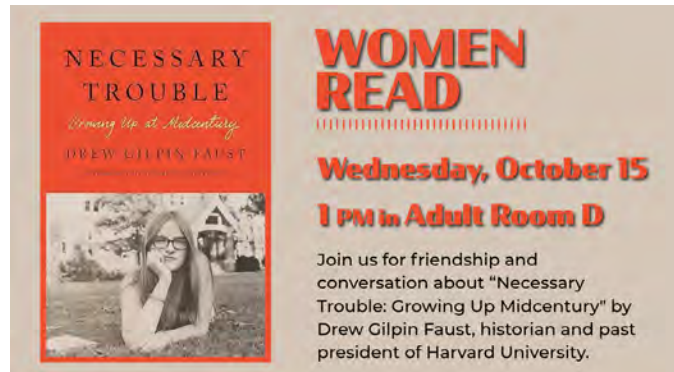
Bible Study Esther Circle



Next meeting:
Thursday, October 2
9:00 AM in the Fireside Room

Please join us for fellowship and great discussions!
If you have any questions, please email [Vernita Kennen](mailto:VernitaKennen) or call the office at 651-484-7213.

Women Read



Next meeting:
Wednesday, October 15
1:00 PM in Adult Room D

Through Faust's eyes, we are reminded of the turbulent events of post-WWII America. She was a girl who knew her own mind, whose eyes were opened by books, whose parents allowed her immense freedom, who grew up to be the president of Harvard University. In some way, her childhood is our own.

Find other upcoming books and dates on our website [HERE](#).



My Stroke of Blessings

By Liv Rosin

Liv Rosin's *My Stroke of Blessings*, a tale of resilience and renewal, is an uplifting journey of survival, self-discovery, and faith. Chronicling her life-altering experience with a traumatic brain injury, Rosin shares the emotional and physical challenges she faced following a catastrophic stroke that turned her life upside down on April 8, 2011.

The book opens with heartfelt recollections of Rosin's busy life as a mother, wife, and high school English teacher. A sharp pain at work marks the beginning of her battle with a subarachnoid hemorrhage. What follows is an exploration of her path to recovery, marked by moments of humor, pain, vulnerability, and triumph.

My Stroke of Blessings is not just about overcoming physical limitations; it's about finding unexpected gifts amidst hardship.

With themes of perseverance, faith, and the power of community,

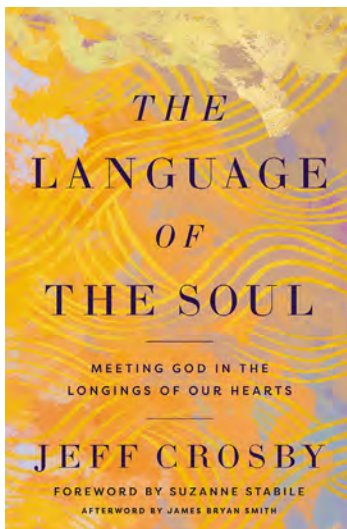
Rosin reflects on the medical staff's kindness, her family's support, and the small victories that defined her recovery.

"While others see me, they know not that my wounds are invisible," Rosin writes, capturing the essence of her struggle and the silent battles faced by survivors of traumatic brain injuries. Readers will find themselves moved by her prayers, inspired by her persistence, and encouraged by her message of hope.

As a teacher, Rosin also extends valuable insights about personal growth and adapting to life's unexpected challenges, making *My Stroke of Blessings* an essential read for anyone going through life-altering challenges, as well as their caregivers and loved ones.

Liv Rosin is an author and retired English teacher. A recipient of the Sallie Mae First Class Teaching and Golden Apple Teacher Awards, Rosin taught English Language Arts in North Dakota and Minnesota from 1985 to 2020. She also taught Norwegian at Concordia College's Norwegian Language Village between 1981 and 1989 and was an editor at Augsburg Fortress Publishing.

Liv and her husband, Mark, are members of Incarnation. They married in 1986 and are the proud parents of Seth, Aeli, and Ben. This is Liv's first book.



The Language of the Soul: Meeting God in the Longings of Our Hearts

By Jeff Crosby

Vernita Kennen writes: Jeff Crosby's *The Language of the Soul: Meeting God In the Longings of Our Hearts*, spoke to me immediately — and I had not read beyond the introduction! He begins with a definition, poetry, and relates to music to try to understand "saudade". This was a word I heard and tried to define when I stayed four times with a Lutheran family in Brazil. Crosby's words help me with this seemingly undefinable word even after hearing it for forty years.

In *The Language of the Soul*, Crosby says we carry our deepest longings with us and they shape our lives whether or not we acknowledge or understand them. Some of us discover and grapple with these longings intuitively and some of us are nudged

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by the twists and turns of life. But all of us who are living between the now and the not yet will find in this book an experienced, sympathetic, and generous guide to understanding our own selves — our own souls. Jeff Crosby invites us to listen to the longings of our hearts, the meaning of which our human language cannot often express. In beautifully written prose and evocative storytelling from his own life, Crosby validates our experiences of longing when we are so often compelled to feel ashamed by those spaces of our lives that feel incomplete, broken, disoriented, or even hopeless

Crosby explores the themes where our longings often emerge: the longing for home, the undivided life, freedom from fear and anxiety, peace, and more. He moves through those with sensitivity and humor and valuable insight. He also incorporates bits of memoir in with each chapter, making each topic relatable and memorable. Another unique element that makes the book relatable is the playlist accompanying each chapter--listed at the end of each chapter and also compiled on Spotify.

Indian Boarding Schools Day of Remembrance



At the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members overwhelmingly adopted a memorial, addressing the sin and injustice in the history of Indian Boarding Schools in the country and acknowledging the ongoing trauma of this time in history. Sept. 30 or a close-by date was set aside for a National Day of Remembrance of Indian Boarding Schools. [Resources to widen awareness and understanding are available here.](#)

On Sunday, September 28, congregations in the Saint Paul Area Synod are invited to include this or similar prayers in their worship:

Creator God, you watch over the whole creation and have made every human being in your image. We acknowledge our participation in long seasons of indifference and active seasons of violence and injustice toward the indigenous people of this country. Aware that Indian Boarding Schools in our country were designed to strip away and devalue the innate dignity of Indian children, their families, and their communities, we ask you to stir up in us now a spirit of repentance and a commitment to just action in our day. Continue to heal the trauma that is borne by survivors and relatives of those who attended the Boarding Schools. And in the bounty of your goodness, help us to learn from those we have harmed, so that together we might live in your grace and light. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



Winter Coat Drive | August 31–October 12

Winter can be a challenging time. Your generosity can help provide warmth and comfort to our neighbors at Solid Ground. We're collecting new or gently used winter gear, including **coats, hats, boots, gloves, snow pants, and scarves**. All sizes are needed!

Monetary donations are also especially helpful for purchasing specific items when we don't have the right sizes. Any unused donations will go to the Alley Shoppe.

Volunteers are needed! If you'd like to help sort and package donations, or assist with our "shopping experience" event for families, please contact [Claire Gilbert](#).

"Bring It Home" Dinner and Auction



Solid Ground Dinner and Auction
Friday, October 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM
Location: Vadnais Heights Commons

Solid Ground invites you to attend the 12th Annual **Bring It Home Gala** to support their mission of preventing and ending homelessness. Register now!

<https://www.solidgroundmn.org/sponsorship-opportunities-bring-it-home-dinner-auction/>

Come Work With the Kids at Solid Ground This Fall

Youth Tutoring

We are beyond excited to begin another year of Youth Tutoring at Solid Ground! Solid Ground's Tutoring program matches a K-8 student with a volunteer Tutor to work on weekly homework help and learning enrichment. If you or anybody you know is interested in helping out, we would love to have your support! Our first official day of Tutoring will be Monday, September 8. Times needed are Mondays through Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 pm or 4:30-5:30 pm. A 1-hour/week commitment is preferred.

Little SPARKS Volunteer

Put your Hide-and-Seek skills to the test! We're looking for volunteers to help in our Little SPARKS

program (Shine, Play, Aspire, Reach, Kindness, Soar). Tasks may include, playing games, reading books, dancing, singing, making art, etc. If you enjoy playing with kids and having fun, then this is the perfect opportunity for you!

Times Needed:

Healthy Relationships — Mondays, 5:30–6:30 PM
(September 8 – October 13)

Arts & Crafts — Thursdays, 3:15–5:00 PM

Games & Free Play — Fridays, 3:15–5:00 PM

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email [Dylan](#) or call him at 651-846-9024.

We honor the memory of loved ones in the memorial gifts given below:

Date Range: 8/28/25 to 9/23/25

Donor	Fund Name	In Memory of:
Gary & Mary Ann Anderson	Memorial - Endowment	Shirley Clare
Rosalie Grosch	Memorial - Operating	Shirley Clare
Marlys M. Nelson	Memorial - Ralph Reeder Food Shelf	Shirley Clare
Mike & Cindy Spellman	Memorial - Undesignated	Donald Erno (Dennis Erno's Brother)
Rev. Rodney Anderson	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Drew & Kathy Baumbach	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Larry & Diane Betterley	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Joy Burdick	Memorial - Feed My Starving Children	Rev. Glen Floe
Audrey Carlson	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Anne & Dave Cremons	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Jim & Mary DeJarlais	Memorial - Small Group Ministry	Rev. Glen Floe
Daniel & Lynn Doerrer	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Jerry & Sharon Dufeck	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Miriam Eisele	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Vicki & Mike Engelen	Memorial - Endowment	Rev. Glen Floe
Arvin & Jane Gehrking	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Scott & Kathy Ginsbach	Memorial - Small Group Ministry	Rev. Glen Floe
Tim & Katie Gray	Memorial - Small Group Ministry	Rev. Glen Floe
Rosalie Grosch	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Jim & Judy Grubs	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Paula Harris	Memorial - Building for Our Future (Undesignated)	Rev. Glen Floe
Bill & Kathy Kalsow	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Dale & Vernita Kennen	Memorial - ELCA World Hunger	Rev. Glen Floe
Fred & Sally Lawless	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
M.E. Henjum & N.I. Manning	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Don & Martie Martin	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Elaine & Peter McGillivray	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Lee & Sue Mehrkens	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Jim & Julie Meinen	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Marlys J. Nelson	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Marlys M. Nelson	Memorial - Ralph Reeder Food Shelf	Rev. Glen Floe
Frank & Nancy Petersen	Memorial - Worship Music	Rev. Glen Floe
Valora Putnam	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Bob & Kathy Schornstein	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Beverly Seabloom	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Murt Seltz	Memorial - Mortgage	Rev. Glen Floe
Mark & Katie Solfest	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe

John & Kathy St. Martin	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Lynda Thompson	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Darrell Thorstenson		
& Nancy Stutzman	Memorial - Small Group Ministry	Rev. Glen Floe
Paul & Ruth Tillquist	Memorial - Senior Ministry	Rev. Glen Floe
Ted & Sharon Trahan	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Don & Claudia Wiebold	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
James Wigand	Memorial – Small Group Ministry	Rev. Glen Floe
John Abbott		
& Michele Williams-Abbott	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Glen Floe
Mary Birkeland	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Kevin & Laurel Bornholtz	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Karen Brohaugh	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Steven Granquist	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Rosalie Grosch	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Dale & Vernita Kennen	Memorial - Esther Circle	Carolyn Granquist
William & Julianne Kramer	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Krislyn Mattei	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Robert & Brenda Mattei	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Marlys J. Nelson	Memorial - Esther Circle	Carolyn Granquist
Marlys M. Nelson	Memorial - Ralph Reeder Food Shelf	Carolyn Granquist
Lynn Gaardsmoe		
& Christine Plutowski	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
John & Coleen Stodolka	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Pat & Wayne Studer	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Diane Tich	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Wayne Torseth	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Barbara Willis	Memorial - Undesignated	Carolyn Granquist
Bill & Joan Reichwald	Memorial - Endowment	Ken Grosch
Jim & Karen Clapper	Memorial - Endowment	Jan Kuhrmeyer
Bill & Joan Reichwald	Memorial - Cemetery	Mike Miller
Jim & Carol Fruehling	Memorial - Endowment	Elizabeth Swanson
Marlys Mavis Nelson	Memorial - Ralph Reeder Food Shelf	Elizabeth Swanson
Mike & Cindy Spellman	Memorial - Undesignated	Elizabeth Swanson
Don & Claudia Wiebold	Memorial - Undesignated	Rev. Ronald Leslie (Katie Solfest's father)

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