



# INCARNATION

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



### April 12, 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](#) and [10:30 AM](#)

[PDF Bulletin & Announcements](#)

[Watch later on Facebook](#)

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

### Prayer Concerns

Tom Kosobayashi; Dede Mattison; Karen Ruff; Ronald Anderson; 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; Linda Brynjulfson's sister; Waylon Hennen's uncle & godmother; Kara & Mike Johnson's son & daughter-in-law; Kristin Davis' father; Katie Gray's daughter, Erin; 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; Judy Nelson's friend, Leona; Nancy Haugen's friends David, Michelle & family and Colette & family; Kim Wielenberg's friend, Cindy; Dede Mattison's friends, Allan and Yvonne; caregivers

### Memorial Service for...

Janny Moses on Monday, April 13, 2026, at Incarnation Lutheran Church. Visitation 10:00 am; Memorial Service 11:00 am; Luncheon following the service.

### Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Janny Moses 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.

## Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God by Marcia Wallin & family in honor of Dr. Owen Wallin and Dr. and Mrs. Walter Hedberg's birthdays.



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.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### Easter Worship Banner

*2 Corinthians 5:17 — Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.*

The Easter banner features two symbols of the Resurrection—an empty cross and a butterfly. The empty cross represents a risen and living Christ. The butterfly signifies bursting from the grave and being raised to a new life. Parallels have been drawn between the stages of the life of a butterfly and the life of a Christian. The plain looking chrysalis, wrapped in what reminds one of burial shrouds, parallels the grave. The chrysalis emerges as a beautiful butterfly. White and gold, the liturgical colors for Easter season, symbolize purity, light, glory and joy.



## New Member Class on April 19

Join our New Member Class on **Sunday, April 19, 11:30 am–1:30 pm** after 10:30 am worship. Lunch will be provided as we explore our faith, mission, vision, and values. Call Julie Durbin at 651-484-7213 to register. Nursery care for kids five and under is available upon request.

We will receive our New Members during **9:00 am worship on May 3, 2026.**



New Member Class  
Sunday, April 19  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM



## MINNESOTA MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

**APRIL 19, 2026, 4 PM**

*Freewill offerings gratefully accepted*

Experience the music of this old-world string instrument from a community group founded to preserve and foster the enjoyment of mandolin music. With 30 musicians playing mandolin, mandola, mandocello, guitar, and bass, their repertoire includes everything from pops to classical.

Incarnation Lutheran Church  
4880 Hodgson Rd, Shoreview, MN 55126  
[www.IncarnationMN.org](http://www.IncarnationMN.org)

INCARNATION  
MUSIC SERIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Quick Links:

[AHOH  
MobilePack™](#)

[Pickleball](#)

[Small Groups](#)

[Serve](#)

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### Volunteer. Donate. Pray.

Incarnation's All Hands on Hope MobilePack™ is less than two weeks away! Join over 2,000 volunteers from April 22 – 26, 2026, at Incarnation Lutheran Church as we pack more than 600,000 meals, which will feed 1,683 kids one meal a day for a year. Supporting this event is easy. Visit our [webpage](#) for more information.

#### Volunteer:

- This is a community event, and all are welcome. Gather family, friends, co-workers, and anyone who has two hours to donate to help feed God's kids. [Register to Volunteer here.](#)
- We are looking for Specialized Volunteers to help welcome volunteers to the MobilePack and assist on the packing floor. Register to volunteer as a [Specialized Volunteer here.](#)

#### Donate:

- Incarnation has committed to raising \$180,000 to pay for the meals we will pack. One meal costs \$.29, and it only costs \$106 to feed a child for an entire year. To date, we are at slightly over 50% of our goal. To donate, [visit the FMSC Donation Page.](#) Each donation of \$106 or more will receive their choice of a free gift donated by the ILC Men's Wood Working Group or a knitted prayer square.

#### Pray:

- Please join us in prayer for this event; for Incarnation's Action Group, volunteers, FMSC staff, FMSC partners distributing meals around the world, and for the recipients of the meals.
- We have developed a prayer calendar for each day in April to lead us up to the MobilePack™. [Download the calendar here.](#)

We look forward to making a huge impact on the lives of many children. Thank you!

### Packing Shifts Available at FMSC in Coon Rapids

There are three different shifts available for Incarnation community members at the FMSC permanent site in Coon Rapids next week. Join us and make a difference in just two hours. Consider it a warm-up for the All Hands on Hope MobilePack™ at Incarnation, April 22-26. Visit [Incarnation's Feed My Starving Children Ministry web page](#) to see the different dates and times, and links to register to volunteer. The days and shifts are:

- Tuesday, April 14 — 7:15-8:45 pm
- Wednesday, April 15 — 2:30-4:15 pm
- Thursday, April 16 — 5:00- 6:30 pm

All are welcome to any and all shifts. Invite your friends, family members, or co-workers to share a meaningful experience.

**VOLUNTEER.  
DONATE.  
PRAY.**





FROM  
**FEAR TO FIRE**  
IGNITING COMMUNITY FOR A PLANET IN PERIL



**ECOFAITH SUMMIT OF THE UPPER MIDWEST**  
April 18, 2026  
Contact Nancy Stutzman  
to Register (email in bulletin)

Christ the King Lutheran  
New Brighton, MN  
Doors open at 9:15 am

## Annual EcoFaith Summit Watch Party | Saturday, April 18 At Christ the King Lutheran in New Brighton

The Eco Faith Network is a collaboration of several Upper Midwest ELCA synods and the Saint Paul Area Synod Care of Creation Work Group centered around our Christian response to the climate crisis. The annual event is live in Duluth and also available to stream, so there is no need to make the drive north. ILC is partnering with Christ the King Lutheran in New Brighton for this live streaming event. While this is an all-day event, feel free to come for a little or a lot of the day as you are able. There is no cost to attend. Contact [Nancy Stutzman](mailto:nstutzman@ecofaithnetwork.org) to register and for more information.

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



## Plan Ahead — May 3 Is the Offering of Letters

Incarnation will this year on May 3 have the opportunity to learn more and contact our federal representative and senators about efforts to end hunger. The Hunger Awareness and Advocacy group will provide information and ways to contact those whose votes make a difference in policy and in funding to “Nourish Our Future” — protect and strengthen nutrition programs that help children reach their full potential” here and around the world.

Let these words in prayer prepare and guide us in this work:

*God of love, We gather this day to worship you; to hear your word proclaimed, to pray for our neighbors, near and far, and to offer the gift of our voices and our words so that children around the world have enough nourishing food that they will thrive. Amen.*



## You're Invited to Solid Ground's "Every Family Needs a Home" Breakfast on May 6

Our ministry partner, Solid Ground, invites you to attend their Every Family Needs a Home Breakfast—a meaningful and inspiring gathering focused on preventing and ending homelessness.

Solid Ground works to ensure families have a safe place to call home by providing housing, resources, and holistic support that empowers families to build stability and thrive. At this breakfast, you will hear powerful, firsthand stories from families whose lives have been transformed through this work, and learn more about the impact Solid Ground is making in our community.

To join others from our community, please contact Diane Betterley at [dianebetterley@gmail.com](mailto:dianebetterley@gmail.com), or register using the link below and indicate "Incarnation" in your seating preference. This invitation is open to all, so feel free to invite friends, family and neighbors. We hope you'll consider being part of this meaningful event!

Solid Ground's

EVERY FAMILY  NEEDS A Home

BREAKFAST

May 6, 2026

**TIME:**

7:30 AM Coffee/Registration  
8 AM Program

**NEW LOCATION:**

Jimmy's Event Center  
3565 Labore Avenue  
Vadnais Heights, MN 55110



**Kairos sessions will be held at 10:15 am in the Fireside Room unless otherwise noted. There will be no Kairos on April 5 — Happy Easter!**

### April 12

#### **The Scariest Pages of Scripture: What Monsters Lurk in Revelation and in Our World**

Presenter: Rev. Matthew Ian Fleming, teaching pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie

Drawing from his recently published book, *The End is the Beginning: Revelation, Hope, and the Love that Lit the Stars*, Fleming will help people understand the framework of Revelation, interpret it through a Lutheran lens, and ponder together what it might be speaking to Christians today.

Cutting through the echo chamber of rapture-haunted apocalyptic anxiety, he will offer a clear picture of God's persistent love for all that was, and is, and will be that Christians need to know. He will debunk some of the misinterpretations, myths, and anxieties around this strange book through humor, story, and invitation

Fleming, a graduate of Concordia College and Luther Seminary, launched and leads *Church Anew*, an international platform that hosts events and creates resources that express a fresh witness in the world.



## April 19

### **Regenerative Agriculture and Climate Change: can farming save the planet and equitably feed the world?**

Presenter: Tim Reese, Manager of Gale Woods Farm, Educational facility of Three Rivers Park District



As stewards of the land, farmers play a crucial role in environmental issues. The choices farmers make are part of the larger food system in which we all play a part as consumers. The Lutheran ethic of environmental stewardship advocates our responsibility to the earth and care for each other. Learn how regenerative agriculture is attempting to address these crucial challenges.

Reese has a master's degree in Agriculture Education from the University of MN and an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies from St. Olaf College. He believes in the power of experiential education and the ability of natural spaces to inspire people toward solutions to our social and environmental challenges.

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## Safety & Security Update

Incarnation continues to take steps to protect members, children, staff and property! The Safety and Security Committee recommendation which was approved by the Congregation Council, is to install cameras inside and outside on the Incarnation property. Changes you will start seeing on April 7th and targeted to be completed by the end of April are:

- The installation of outside cameras focused on the Incarnation entrances, parking lots, play areas, and in particular, the solar panels.
- The continued installation of inside cameras in the public and common areas of the building.
- Signage being put up indicating that cameras are in use.
- Parking Lot lights will be left on from dusk to dawn.



These changes will allow staff to identify activity after an incident occurs and assist law enforcement. Thanks for your help and patience as we continue to make Incarnation a welcoming but safe place to be!

## 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](#)



## Vacation Bible School 2026: Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Monday, June 15-Thursday, June 18 | 9am – Noon | 4-year-olds – 4th grade

You're invited to join us on an unforgettable adventure with Snowball Mountain Challenge! We will have an exciting week of winter sports events where we become challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith teaching kids "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Register at [www.incarnationmn.org/summer](http://www.incarnationmn.org/summer)





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/summer](http://incarnationmn.org/summer)

# Youth & Family Ministry

## The Weekly Update





### **MSM Update**

On Wednesday, 4/8, we started out with pizza & salad. We took down all 30 pies we ordered from Mansetti's. With open gym, kids' music programs, small groups, etc., things were hopping! At 6:00, we launched into our confirmation programs with 2 energetic songs led by Nate. Since 8th graders are bringing parents for the final 2 weeks of class, there were a few extra voices in the mix, which added to the overall volume. After singing, 6th and 7th graders continued their night and learned about *Lydia: the wealthy philanthropist*—the unique influence she, as a rare wealthy business owner, had in the growing first-century Christian movement of the Way (that's what followers of Jesus were called back then). 8th graders sat with their caring adult and learned about the ancient Hebrew practice of Lament—a structure on which to hang our grief and pain (you might remember our Lenten journey through lament Psalms). We're exploring a different format in this course—the 4 C's... Call, Complaint, Case, Commitment—and were able to write 5 laments about some of today's hard issues and big questions. Next week, 8th graders will go deeper into those hard issues and hear from Pastors Kai & Joy and Mike Sell about how they approach these big questions through the lens of faith. 6th & 7th graders will review the year of New Testament learning they've experienced. We're nearing the end of the program year...

### **A Few Updates**

1. **Serve cookies and coffee** on Sunday (2 hrs) – [sign up here](#)
2. **Serve pizza on Wednesday** (last one: 4/29) – [sign up here](#)
3. **Save the Date** – Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am–1:00 pm – Welcome to Summer Celebration (bouncies, climbing wall, food truck, fun & games for all!)
4. **FMSC MobilePack, April 22-26** – [more info here](#)  
Wednesday, April 22, 6:00-8:00 pm – confirmation small groups serve together

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

## Lutheran 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.

[Learn More About Lutheran Disaster Response](#)

- 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 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. [Click here](#) to learn about all the ways to give.
- [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)

651.484.7213

#### UNSUBSCRIBE — UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

If your contact information has changed or if you would no longer like to receive Online Worship Emails from Incarnation, please contact [Marina Nyberg](#) to take you off the list.

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