



# INCARNATION

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**The Gospel of Mark:  
How do we live and love like Jesus for a lifetime?**

### June 7, 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](#)

[Watch later on the Web](#)

### Prayer Concerns

Lowell Odland; Candace Gruman; Dawn Schwantz; Sally Dorr; Dede Mattison; Karen Ruff; Ronald Anderson; Dottie House; Carlos Rodriguez; Erin Holmen; Karen Stauder; Kara Genia & family; Jon Nelson; Kate Tollefson & family; Carol Beckerleg; Marian Ness; Linda Hudepohl; Paul Howard's sister; Linda Brynjulfson's sister; Kara & Mike Johnson's son & daughter-in-law; Katie Gray's daughter, Erin; Nicole & Troy Heller's brother-in-law; Kay Leerssen's daughter; Grant Rykken's brother-in-law; 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 Larrie Reese** at Incarnation on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**.  
Visitation at 10:00 am; Memorial Service at 11:00 am; Luncheon following the service.

**Memorial Service for Deb Rykken** at Incarnation on **Thursday, June 11, 2026**.  
Visitation at 10:00 am; Memorial Service at 11:00 am; Luncheon following the service.

*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*

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers given to the glory of God by Loren & Wanda Haugland in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary



*If you would like to have altar flowers given in honor or memory of someone, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Incarnation Office at 651-484-7213 to sign up (cost: \$25). Donations help offset the cost of the beautiful flowers the Worship Arts team provides. Altar flowers express our love for God, enhance our gathering around the Word and Sacrament, and represent changing seasons both in the church year and in nature.*



*Click on the image above to link to our giving page.*

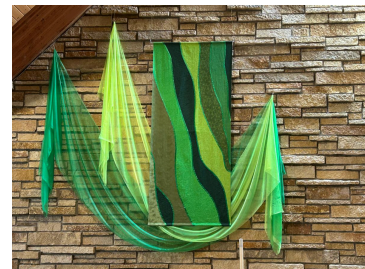
## Giving a Gift

We are grateful for your continued support of the ministries at Incarnation. Your generosity is not only vital to our church's worship but helps us have an impact on people in the surrounding communities and beyond. We invite you to continue with us on this journey! If you have questions about setting up an electronic recurring donation or making a gift through stocks, an IRA, or a donor-advised fund, please reach out to [Amy Faymerville](#), our gifts manager.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### Ordinary Time Worship Banner

Green is the liturgical color for Ordinary Time, the longest and final season of the church year. A sign of life in nature, green symbolizes the hope and life of each new day. The banner's sturdy green stalks of foliage represent growth in our knowledge and love of Jesus during this season.



# Summer Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn  
that you'd like to sing at the  
9:00 AM worship service  
this summer?

Contact Amy Maakestad!

## Summer Hymn Requests

Do you have a favorite hymn that you'd like the congregation to sing at the 9am worship service this summer? I would love to know about it! Even if you have requested a hymn in the past, you are very encouraged to do it again. Keep in mind that well-known hymns, especially ones that are in our hymnals, are more likely to be sung well by the congregation. Submit one or several choices to the Director of Traditional Worship, Amy Maakestad, at [amaakestad@incarnationmn.org](mailto:amaakestad@incarnationmn.org). Thank you!



## Lift Your Voice With Us at Summer Choir

We would like to invite anyone who loves to sing to join us for summer choir on **Sunday, June 14**. We will meet at 8:15 am that morning in the sanctuary, and

all music will be supplied. Have fun lifting your voice and experiencing the largest "small group" at Incarnation.

If you have questions, please email [Sean Turner](mailto:Sean.Turner@incarnationmn.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Quick Links:

[Incarnation  
Discovery Center  
\(Preschool\)](#)

[Small Groups](#)

[Serve](#)

[Giving](#)

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 15 – June 18 |**  
9am – Noon | 4-year-olds –  
4th Grade

**Registration Deadline June 7**

Join us for the Snowball Mountain Challenge – an unforgettable week of winter sports, games, snowy surprises, and lessons on faith and resilience. Register today to secure your spot for this amazing week!



Register here.

### VBS Volunteers Needed

To make this amazing week possible we're still looking for additional youth volunteers to act as crew guides and a few more adult volunteers to help support our station leaders. Any availability is welcome! [www.incarnationmn.org/summer](http://www.incarnationmn.org/summer)

### Meals on Wheels: Make Someone's Day in Just One Hour!

Ready to turn your Friday lunch break into the most rewarding part of your week? Join the **Incarnation Meals on Wheels team** and help us deliver more than a nutritious meal. As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you'll be providing a vital human connection to neighbors who truly value the visit. It's a great way to bond with others, too, so feel free to bring along a friend, a family member, or even a co-worker! Our routes are designed to take **no more than one hour between 11 am and 1 pm on Fridays**.



If you're ready to deliver a smile and a warm meal, please **contact the church office at 651-484-7213** for more information. We'd love to have you on the team!

# Incarnation Discovery Center: Where Little Minds Make Big Discoveries

Preschool enrollment and tours are happening now!  
Click the button below for more information, to  
schedule a tour, and to register.

[Learn More About Incarnation Discovery Center](#)



## Small Groups for Summer

There are still openings in the small groups below. Please reach out to the group leader(s) to let them know of your interest.

### **Book Study “The Universal Christ” by Richard Rohr**

**Leader: Connie Wikman**

**Sunday mornings at ILC 10:10-11:30 am**

**July 12 & 19, August 2, 16 & 30, September 13**

We will explore this thought-provoking book that discusses the relationship between Jesus and Christ. Come to this group to learn about the Creator's presence all around us and in everyone we meet.

### **Casual Biking Small Group**

**Leader: Claudia Wiebold**

**Saturdays, 8:30 am – noon**

**May 30, June 13, July 11, Aug 1, Sept 12**

Bike at a casual pace, experience creation, and connect with others who enjoy biking. This group takes easy-to-moderate trails in the Twin Cities, meeting at each trailhead. The group bikes for 2-3 hours, up to 20 miles (approximately 10 mph), with devotions led by the group leader.

### **Men's Hiking Small Group** *\*nearly full, contact leader if you'd like a spot*

**Leader: Mark Oswood**

**1st Tuesday of May to September, 6:15 pm meet at Incarnation; carpool to the trail  
Tuesdays, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug 4, Sept 1**

### **Practicing Meditation with the Psalms**

**Leader: Emily Schwieters**

**Mondays, 6:15 – 6:45 pm**

**June 1, 8, 15, 29, and/or**

**August 3, 17, 24, 31**

**(Two sessions offered, pick one or two)**

Come to the chapel ready to participate in a quiet, guided meditation of the Psalms. Participants can sit in a traditional chair or bring their own mat, blanket, or cushion to sit on the floor. We will listen to a Psalm and then do a traditional guided meditation together. This will include deep breathing, attention to the body, silence, and prayer.

## Summer Reading Challenge: Join the Library Bingo!

Make the most of your rest and relaxation this summer with a fun challenge from the Incarnation church library! We invite you to broaden your reading choices with our new **Summer Bingo Card**, now available for pickup in the library or [download here](#).

Whether you are looking for beautifully illustrated books, stories to share with children, resources to explore the Bible, or titles that spark great conversation, our library has something for everyone. Take up the challenge this summer and fill those cards! (And yes—the middle space is a freebie!)

SUMMER BINGO				
INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY				
MARK OFF A SQUARE WHEN YOU HAVE READ A BOOK.				
Use the empty space in the field to enter the name of the book you read. * denotes the section of the library where books may be found.				
... from the "New to the Library" shelf	... set in Minnesota	... recommended in Littleton	... to present a devotional "24/5"	... you discussed with someone
... by an Indigenous author	... about hymns "750"	... about Martin or Katie Luther "921"	... about a liturgical or church holiday	... recommended by a Katoos presenter
... recommended in a sermon	... on display in the library	<b>FREE</b>	... to a child "I or J"	... about the Saint John's Bible
... a biography not about an American "921"	... by a Lutheran author	... checked out on a day other than Sunday	... with colorful illustrations	... a "new to the" translation of the Bible "220"
... recommended by an incarnation member	... with an historical background	... recommended by a small group	... by a Minnesota author	... recommended by the Care of Creation group

# Youth & Family Ministry

## The Weekly Update

### Important Updates

- **Serve cookies and coffee** on Sunday (2 hrs) – [sign up here](#)
- **Thank you so much** to everyone who gave during our cinnamon-roll summer camp/trip fundraiser. Your donations make it possible for our kids to have life-changing experiences with God, each other, and God's creation.

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



## Pastor Joyce Graduation Celebration

Sunday, June 21 - 2-4 p.m.  
Gustavus Adolphus, St. Paul

The Bega Kwa Bega companionship with our siblings in Tanzania invite you to join them in celebrating and thanking Pastor Joyce Ngandango, who has just graduated from Luther Seminary. She has been studying here for the past two years and has generously given her time to visit many BKB congregations throughout the synod. Help us send Pastor Joyce back to Tanzania with our appreciation and prayers for her future ministry!



## Lutheran Summer Music

June 21-July 19  
St. Olaf College, Northfield

Lutheran Summer Music returns to St. Olaf College for its 2026 season! More than 40 free concerts, recitals, worship services, and special events are free and open to the public. Highlights include the inaugural LSM Choral Gathering, guest performance by Cantus, Bach's St. Matthew Passion, the Bach Cantata Eucharist, and Festival Week concerts featuring LSM's Festival Band, Choir, and Orchestra. Most events will also be available online for livestreaming. View the season brochure, explore events, and reserve free tickets [here](#).



## ***From the Bishop:*** **Reflections on Peacemaking and Gun Violence**

In April 2024, the ELCA Church Council issued a social message entitled "Gun-related Violence and Trauma."

**You can read the message [here](#).** This message, which has been helpful to me personally, moves the discussion beyond a gun rights verses gun control dichotomy. It invites readers to consider gun violence in the broader context of public health concerns and the widespread yearning for safe communities. The gun owners I know desire that as much as I do, and I welcome an opportunity for us to engage side-by-side with the ground-level work of peacemaking in the communities where we live.



At our recent Synod Assembly, the voting members overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution that called on youth and adults to study gun violence and then to act in a way that implements a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazine sales. **You can read the text of the resolution [here](#).**

This resolution was brought forward by an 11-year-old and reflects the passionate and informed urgency of this rising generation. While not as comprehensive in the scope of topics covered as the church's recent social message, there was such poignancy to the cry of this young voice. I am moved and chastened by Connor's words. I hope you are, too.

As I mentioned at the assembly, the synods in Minnesota and North Dakota have been planning a series of presentations and discussions on "Peacemaking in an Epidemic of Gun Violence." This project will begin in October and I urge you to participate when the details are shared in early fall.

As people of deep and grounded faith, I know you care as much as I do for the well-being of our neighbors. We may have different strategies for how to approach such peacemaking, but I have confidence that reducing gun-related violence is a concern we all share. If you want to share your personal experience or perspective with me, I welcome hearing from you directly at [patricia.lull@spas-elca.org](mailto:patricia.lull@spas-elca.org).

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Patricia Lull



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## Learning Opportunity from the Racial Justice Ministry

ELCA Racial Justice Ministries presents a 5-part webinar series on "Equipping the Church to Dismantle White Supremacy."

Thanks to a Strategy for Authentic Diversity grant, the series will highlight existing ELCA resources that encourage, equip, and support congregations and synods in the essential work of dismantling white supremacy. These webinars will elevate voices from across the church who are actively engaging this work and offer both practical and theological grounding.

Register for the FREE series today: <https://bit.ly/equipwebinars>

- Webinar #1: "Naming White Supremacy in Lutheranism" - May 12 at 7 pm central
- Webinar #2: "Freedom of a Christian: Reclaiming the Gospel for Justice" - July 14 at 7 pm central
- Webinar #3: "Dismantle: Using the Devotional in Congregational Life" - September 8 at 7 pm central
- Webinar #4: "Now is the Time: Living Into Our Church's Declarations and Statements" - November 10 at 7 pm central
- Webinar #5: "Commemorating the Emmanuel Nine and George Floyd: Sacred Memory as Call to Action" - January 12 at 7 pm central

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## 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](#)

[Giving to the ELCA](#)

- 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.](#)

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