



INCARNATION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



April 5, 2026 | Worship at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 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 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am:

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Solo

Easter Gospel—Matthew 28:1-10

Hymn—ELW #365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Prayer of the Day

Anthem— The Strife Is O'er

Sermon—Pastor Kai

Hymn—The Day of Resurrection

Holy Communion (All are welcome)

Lord's Prayer

Communion Music

Communion Blessing

Hymn—ELW #367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (vv. 1, 3-4)

Sending

Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus

[Watch later on Facebook](#)

[Watch later on the Web](#)

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

Prayer Concerns

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

Sympathy

Sympathy to: the family of Janny Moses on her death; Katie Gray & family on the death of her father; Julie Durbin & family on the death of her sister

Memorial Service

Memorial Service for Jenny Anderson at Incarnation Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 9, 2026. Visitation at 10:00 a.m., Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., 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 consent first.

Altar Flowers

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



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

Giving a Gift

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

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.**



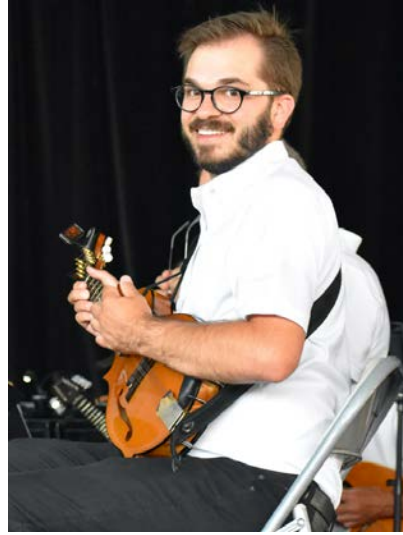
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Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra

Enjoy the music of this old-world string instrument in a concert of pops, classical, and more performed by the Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra, a community group founded in 1991 to preserve and foster the enjoyment of mandolin music. With 30 musicians playing mandolin, mandola, mandocello, guitar, and bass, their repertoire includes old and new compositions, including transcriptions of classical pieces and popular tunes.

(Performance time: 75 minutes)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quick Links:

[AHOH
MobilePack™](#)

[Pickleball](#)

[Small Groups](#)

[Serve](#)

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Council President Note

At the congregational meeting on March 22, I mentioned that Incarnation staff were assessing the skills desired in pastoral support following Pastor Janet's retirement. That assessment is wrapping up, and staff are now actively engaged in a search for suitable candidates.

Rather than hiring a permanent position at this time, the proposed role would start off as a short term contract, with an option to extend. The role would include preaching, pastoral care, and ministry support for funerals and senior living connections.

As we grow ministry at Incarnation in 2026, we are excited to contemplate such additional support to the pastoral staff.

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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!



Volunteer. Donate. Pray.

Incarnation's All Hands on Hope MobilePack™ is just a few 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](#) to find out more information.

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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 for Specialized Volunteer here.

Donate:

- Incarnation has committed to raise \$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 in the lives of many children. Thank you!

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign 2026 Ends April 6

Food & Fund Drive To Benefit the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

Join us for the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the state's largest grassroots fundraiser to fight food insecurity! From **March 1 to April 6**, we are partnering with the

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf to help provide essential groceries and services to nearly 4,000 neighbors in need each month. Whether you choose to donate high-demand items using our grocery bags at church or contribute financially **online**, your generosity helps Ralph Reeder secure additional bonus grants to stretch every dollar further. **Learn more on our website:**

Grocery List of Needs - March Foodshare Month



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

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

Ralph Reeder Food Shelf
COMMUNITY CARE CENTER
1200 RYAN AVE
ROSEVILLE, MN 55126

Reminder a portion of all pounds of food and dollars are matched by the Foodshare Fund. Deadline - 4/08/26

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

FROM
FEAR TO FIRE
IGNITING COMMUNITY FOR A PLANET IN PERIL

ECOFAITH SUMMIT OF THE UPPER MIDWEST

April 18, 2026
Register by April 11 at
lifatctk.org/events/ecofaith-summit

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** 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.

2026 Habitat for Humanity/Holy Hammers Project

Attention all veteran and wannabe Holy Hammers: the Habitat project this year will be a house rehab at 1200 Ryan Ave in Roseville, from April 27 to June 26. The

focus days designated for Incarnation are May 4, 5, and 7; May 11-14; and June 1-5, but any day during the project is available to work. This house is one of the houses purchased by the city of Roseville that will be part of a land trust so that the home will be affordable for the Habitat homebuyer. The necessary demolition work has been completed, so it is ready for new construction in the lower level and for upgrades to the rest of the house, including the kitchen. There will be a table in the atrium before and after the Sunday services on 3/8, 3/9, and 3/22, where you can get information about Habitat for Humanity, this particular project, and volunteer opportunities. Incarnation will be providing morning snacks and lunches June 1-5, so those sign-up dates may fill up early. For more information, contact Jim Fruehling at jamesw.f@icloud.com or 651-335-3554.

Holy Hammers™



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.



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

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.



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



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SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Find Your Strength in God!



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PreK - 4th Grade



Sign-up at incarnationmn.org/summer



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SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

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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



Youth & Family Ministry

The Weekly Update



FIRST THURSDAY



MSM Update

There was no CYF programming on Wednesday, 4/1, because of Holy Week. We did however get together at Caribou in North Oaks for First Thursday on 4/2. From 7:00 to 8:30am, it was a steady stream of youth. Over 50 kids showed up to receive their free small beverage, a fist bump (or preferred greeting), and a blessing for their day. Of that 50+, 15 of them were high schoolers and the rest were in middle school. Many of those who showed up were invited by their Incarnation friends. A few students showed up unaware of what was going on, and they received a free drink out of the blue. The word is getting out; it's still one of the most impactful things we get to do out in our community!

A Few Updates

1. **Serve cookies and coffee** on Sunday (2 hrs) – [sign up here](#)
2. **Serve pizza on Wednesday** (next one: 4/8 & 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 trucks, fun & games for all!)

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

Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and worldwide. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

International:

- [Middle East Crisis](#)
- [Eastern Europe Crisis Response](#)
- [Horn of Africa Drought](#)
- [Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis](#)
- [South Sudan Relief](#)
- [AMMPARO: Protecting Migrants](#)

Domestic:

- [Flooding](#)
- [Hurricanes](#)
- [Severe Storms](#)
- [Tornadoes](#)
- [Wildfires](#)

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#), follow @ELCALDR on [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) and follow @ELCA_LDR on [Instagram](#).

- If you are new to Incarnation or you want to learn more about Incarnation ministries, [please complete this online form](#) we'll use to connect you to a ministry leader according to your interests.
- Please consider [giving online](#), allowing Incarnation to receive the funds quickly. You will be able to donate to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, Feed My Starving Children, the Operating Budget and more through the same link.
- [You can find the online worship web page here.](#)
- [To email the council directly, click here.](#)
- To request council minutes, please email [Julie Durbin](#).
- To be added to the public prayer concerns list, contact [Julie Durbin](#). If you would like to add someone else to the public prayer concerns list, please obtain their consent first.
- If you are ill, someone is hospitalized, or there is a death, call the Incarnation Office at 651-484-7213. If it is outside of Office Hours, contact the on-call Pastor at 651-484-7213 ext. 204.
- [The Staff Directory, with email addresses, can be found here.](#)
- Questions? [Contact Julie Durbin](#).

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