



# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**AUGUST 13, 2017. Welcome to Incarnation!** You are invited to be a part of any ministry opportunity. All events will be held at Incarnation unless otherwise noted. For more complete information about these listings, visit [incarnationmn.org](http://incarnationmn.org) and use the search function on the homepage. The website contains information on additional ministry offerings. You can also contact the Incarnation Office at 651-484-7213.

## Worship & Prayer

### Prayer Concerns

Marit Swenson; Pat Lingert's niece; Judy Nelson & Pat Fitzsimmons' niece and family; Bill Fitzsimmons' brother; Judy Nelson's daughter; Valerie D'Antonio's father; Kim Wielenberg's co-workers niece; Lisa Boehm's sister; Larry and Viviane Valberg's grandson.

### Blessing of the Backpacks List of Schools K-12

During all worship services on September 10, a slide show of schools will be shown in support of students and educators. A school list is on the website under "Community Events"; check it to ensure that your child's school is included. *Please note that some schools have been removed from the slide show from previous years.* To add a school, email Erin Thorstad the name, location, and a photo of your school at [ethorstad@incarnationmn.org](mailto:ethorstad@incarnationmn.org) by Wednesday, September 6.

When: Deadline Wednesday, September 6.

### Prayers for Incarnation

Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m., people gather to pray for Incarnation and the wider church in the Chapel. Please come for this time of prayer and connecting. Everyone is welcome!

When: Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.

### Altar Flowers

Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by sponsoring the purchase of altar flowers for the Sanctuary. The cost is \$17. Place your name on the flower chart located on the bulletin board adjacent to the Atrium, near the restrooms. You will receive a reminder in the mail.

### Peace Garden

The Peace Garden is located across the parking lot from Door 2 and near the Preschool Playground. The Peace Garden is a wonderful place to go and pray, for conversation and reflection, or even for lunch. Watch it change and grow throughout the summer.

## Ministry Focus

### Tanzania Educational Support

Over 17 years, more than 400 students from Mkwawa and Kigamboni Lutheran Churches and students from Iringa University in Tanzania, have received educational support because of your generosity. If you are a continuing sponsor, it's time for this year's payment. This morning and on August 20, the Tanzania Action Group will be in the Atrium and Gathering Space after worship to share with you how you can be a part of making a difference in many lives, to take your donations and answer your questions.

When: Today and August 20, after morning services.

### Tons of Love Update

THANK YOU, Incarnation! Officially the Tons of Love campaign ended July 31 and donations were coming in until the building was locked Monday night! 10,958 lbs of donations were gathered for Ralph Reeder surpassing the five ton goal. While we are so grateful for your generosity, as was announced last week, Ralph Reeder distributes 4 tons each week to its clients. August will also be a challenging month for families who use the food shelf. Your continued donations and prayers for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf and the people they serve are greatly appreciated.

## Connect & Grow

### Walk and Pray

Join Pastor Janet for a 30-minute walk and a 30-minute Bible study, based on the Christian walk. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your Bible. No sign up required. Come when you can. Coffee will be provided.

When: Tuesdays, now - August 29, 7 - 8:00 a.m. (rain or shine).

### Blessing of the Backpacks and The Great Incarnation Get Together

Be a part of the Blessing of the Backpacks during all worship services September 10, followed by The Great Incarnation Fall Get Together from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.! Invite your friends and family to come along with you. Bring a donation that day for Centennial Schools weekend Powerpacks and/or sign up to volunteer to help that day. Details about the events, items for Powerpacks and volunteer opportunities can be found at [incarnationmn.org](http://incarnationmn.org), clicking on the lower center box.

When: September 10

### Women Read New Booklist is Available

Need some summer reading ideas? The booklist for the 2017-2018 season of Women Read is now available on the Incarnation website at [incarnationmn.org/connect-grow/adults](http://incarnationmn.org/connect-grow/adults) towards the bottom of the page. Women Read is a monthly opportunity for women who enjoy discussing a wide variety of books.

When: The next gathering is September 20.

### New! Men's Faith and Fitness

Try a new offering for men of all ages and fitness levels to improve functional strength and balance. Fitness instructor Shannon Rainey uses the best practices for getting stronger through resistance equipment, stability balls and your body weight. Try out a session at no cost! Sign up in the Incarnation Office. Cost: \$120 for eight sessions or \$20 for drop ins. Devotions at 9:30 a.m. Classes from 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. in Incarnation Hall.

When: Friday, September 8 - October 27.

## Ministry Opportunities, cont.

### **Spiritual Spa - Save the Date**

Spiritual Spa is an evening retreat for women. It is an opportunity to reflect on faith and experience community and conversation. The theme for the October Spiritual Spa is "Centered". Pastor Jeanne Hartfield will present. Cost: \$20, includes dinner. Register online or in the Incarnation Office by Monday, October 2.  
When: Friday, October 6, 6 - 9:00 p.m.

### **Fall Financial Peace University - Save the Date**

Have you considered signing up for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) at Incarnation but it never seems to be the right time? It's time to make time to craft a healthier and more fruitful financial future. Free childcare will be provided for children age 8 and younger. Sign up in the Incarnation Office. Cost: \$89. Scholarships available.

When: Sundays, October 8 - December 3, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

### **Discover Incarnation - Save the Date**

Discover Incarnation is offered for anyone who wants to learn more about Incarnation's mission, vision, and values, and is required for those who wish to step into membership. Childcare is available for those who make an advanced registration. Registration is due by 4:30 p.m. October 25.

When: Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Children, Youth & Family

### **Open Gym**

Children ages 5-10 years old and a parent/caretaker are invited to Incarnation Hall for unstructured gym time to shoot hoops, jump rope, and play ball games. Each session, Pastor Janet will include a "sports tip takeaway" from her Christian perspective. No sign up required.

When: Tuesdays, Now - August 29, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

### **Registrations for Children, Youth and Family Fall Activities**

Registrations are still being taken for SPARK Sunday/Wednesday and IGNITE Ministry for this coming fall. If you received a registration form last spring, we ask that you turn that into the Incarnation Office. If you are new to SPARK or IGNITE Ministries, we would love to have your registrations turned in so we can create small groups that will create opportunities for growth in relations with Jesus and within the Incarnation community.

### **Incarnation Preschool Openings**

Incarnation Preschool has some remaining spots for the upcoming 2017-18 school year. There are a few openings in the afternoon 3 year old Tuesday/Thursday class as well as in the afternoon 4 year old Monday-Friday class. Contact Kirsten Barie at 651-766-0723 or kbarie@incarnationmn.org for more information and/or a visit.

### **Children Youth and Family use Simple Texting**

Are you interested in receiving text messages for upcoming deadlines or program opportunities? Text the keywords below to 555888 to opt in:

Children's Ministry: ILCCHILDRENS

Middle School Ministry: ILCMIDDLESCHOOL

Confirmation Ministry: ILCONFIRMATION

High School Ministry: ILCHIGHSCHOOL

Family Ministry: ILCFAMILY

## Volunteer

### **The Great Incarnation Fall Get Together Donations and Volunteers**

Help make The Great Incarnation Fall Get Together and The Blessing of the Backpacks a success. Bring a donation for Centennial Schools weekend Powerpacks and/or sign up to volunteer to help. Details about the events, items for Powerpacks and volunteer opportunities can be found at [incarnationmn.org](http://incarnationmn.org), clicking on the lower center box. The Blessing of the Backpacks will be during all worship services September 10, followed by the Great Incarnation Fall Get Together from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.!

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### **Ralph Reeder Food Rescue Team**

The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf is in need of a driver to pick up donations from a partner grocery store on Wednesday or Friday mornings between 9 - 10:00 a.m. If you have a van, truck or a larger vehicle, can lift 25 pounds and have a heart to work behind the scenes to provide food to those in need, complete an online interest form at [ralphreederfoodshelf.org](http://ralphreederfoodshelf.org) or contact Sue Peake at [sue.peake@moundsvIEWSchools.org](mailto:sue.peake@moundsvIEWSchools.org) or 651-621-7447.

When: Wednesdays or Fridays, 9 - 10:00 am.

### **Landscaping Volunteers**

Incarnation Preschool is in need of some volunteers who have experience with or specialize in landscaping to work on a project for the Incarnation Preschool playground. This would involve working on the playground entrance area. Contact Kirsten Barie at [kbarie@incarnationmn.org](mailto:kbarie@incarnationmn.org) or 651-766-0723 if you can help out.

### **LifeHaven Childcare and Sunday Meals - August Help Needed!**

LifeHaven, housing and support for 16 and 17 year old moms and their children experiencing homelessness, is seeking volunteers to provide childcare during Thursday evening "Girls' Night Out/In" and Saturday morning house meetings, as well as volunteers to prepare Sunday evening meals. If you are new to these volunteer opportunities, you may learn more by contacting Khaliya Dorry at [Khaliya.Dorry@lssmn.org](mailto:Khaliya.Dorry@lssmn.org) or 651-776-9805.

## Congregational Business

### **Childcare Provider**

Incarnation is seeking childcare providers for the Incarnation Nursery. As childcare attendants, these individuals will provide care during weekday mornings two to three times a month. If you are interested in a more complete job description, go to [incarnationmn.org](http://incarnationmn.org) or contact Stefanie Straka at [sstraka@incarnationmn.org](mailto:sstraka@incarnationmn.org).

### **Summer Incarnation Office and Building Hours**

From now through Friday, September 1, the Incarnation Office and building will be closed on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, the Incarnation Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sundays 8:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.