



# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 12, 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. If you are a guest who would like your child to experience SPARK Sunday School, visit the Children's Resource Center.

## Worship & Prayer

### Prayer Concerns

Carol Sykes; Bill Seabloom; Kathy Winchell; Howard Linsmeier; Don and Millie Gustafson; Megan Schornstein; Babs Riedel; Lisa Boehm's sister; Kay Wieland's daughter; Sandy Brennom's cousin; Judy Nelson and Pat Fitzsimmons' nieces; Lu Durbahn's niece; Judy Nelson's grandson; Gary and Mary Ann Anderson's grandson; Larry and Viviane Valberg's grandson; Lynda Thompson's friends, Karen, Rita and Barbara.

### Sympathy To

Beth (Perry) Hanson and family on the death of her mother.

### Centered in Jesus: Prayer Stations

What might it look like to live with Jesus more at the center of your life? Explore this question or simply receive the grace of God's presence as you move through the prayer stations. A prayer guide is available to use in the chapel or to take home.

When: Now through December 31 in the Chapel.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

All are invited to the Thanksgiving Eve worship service at Incarnation, which is followed by pie and connecting time. You are also invited to Grace Hall following the Thanksgiving Eve service to decorate Christmas ornaments and make a Christmas card or two that will be delivered by Incarnation's pastors during hospital and shut-in visits.

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

### Mid-Week Advent Worship

Advent begins at Incarnation on Sunday, November 26. Join us mid-week for a half-hour worship service that is a wonderful way to inject some calm and peace into what can be a busy season. The frame of the service is Holden Evening Prayer.

When: Wednesdays, November 29, December 6 and 13; 7 - 7:30 p.m.

### Blue Christmas: A Candlelight Prayer Service

This service acknowledges that even during this joyous time of the year, some still experience sadness, loss, and loneliness. We remember that even though we struggle, we can find comfort in the love of Christ and the birth of a Savior. Come for yourself or invite a friend or loved one.

When: Tuesday, December 5 from 7 - 7:30.

## Connect & Grow

### Kairos This Sunday: *Martin Luther - Liturgy and Life*

Dr. Dirk Lange of Luther Seminary has been at the center of exciting ecumenical worship events as the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation has approached. Come and explore the meaning-making power of worship through history with Martin Luther and as we look to the future.

When: November 12, 8:45 a.m. & 10:05 a.m.

### Kairos Next Sunday: *Aging, Lifespan and Healthspan*

Why do we age? How long can we live? Is it possible to age and yet not be affected by complications such as dementia, muscle weakening or loss of appetite? Can we live longer and better? Incarnation member, Professor David Bernlohr, will profile the Biology of Aging, describing what is shared by all organisms and what may underscore the balance between lifespan and healthspan.

When: November 19, 8:45 a.m. & 10:05 a.m.

### Haiti Team Blog

The Incarnation delegation to Haiti returns tomorrow. Read about their experience at <http://healinghaiti-team2.blogspot.com/>. Your prayers for the team and the people they have served are appreciated.

### Men's Faith and Fitness: New Session Starting!

Led by fitness instructor Shannon Rainey, this workout is a great way for men of all ages and abilities to improve strength and balance while connecting with other men. Register in the Incarnation Office. Cost \$120 for eight sessions or \$20 for drop ins.

When: Fridays, thru December 29 (except November 24), Devotions 9:30 a.m. Class at 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### Brewed Theology

Brewed Theology is an opportunity for young adults (post-high school/pre-baby) to gather to talk about faith, life and the world. This gathering is open to anyone who is looking for a place to connect with other young adults and is interested in digging deeper into their faith. Meet at Taste of Scandinavia; Village Center, North Oaks. The only cost is for the food/drinks you purchase.

When: Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.

### Primetimers

Primetimers is a social gathering for people 63 years old and above. This month's Primetimers will feature Lynda Thompson sharing highlights from her trip to Italy, including religious landmarks and art. Lunch will be spaghetti and meat sauce. Register by Monday, November 13. Cost: \$4.

When: November 16, 10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Women Read: *A Visit from the Goon Squad*

Women Read is a monthly opportunity for women who enjoy discussing a wide variety of books. For November, participants will discuss *Welcome to the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan. All are welcome. No need to register.

When: Wednesday, November 15, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

## Children, Youth & Family

### Faith in Action - Christmas Cards and Ornament Decorating

Join us in Grace Hall following the Thanksgiving Eve service to decorate Christmas ornaments and make a Christmas card or two that will be delivered by Incarnation's pastors during hospital and shut-in visits. This is a free, drop in service opportunity for the whole family.

When: Wednesday, November 22, 7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## Ministry Opportunities, cont.

### Evening in Bethlehem a Keepsake Christmas Event

Families will experience special music, dinner, and the retelling of the Christmas story from special cast members as they create their very own Keepsake nativity scenes. Register in the Incarnation Office by November 27. Cost is \$15 per family.

When: Friday, December 1 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## Volunteer

### Alternative Giving Fair

This Christmas, give gifts that transform lives by purchasing items at Incarnation's Alternative Giving Fair held in Grace Hall (new this year!). Also available will be opportunities to share the gift of your time by volunteering with one of Incarnation's local ministry partners.

When: Sunday, November 19, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Congregational Business

### New Members Received Last Sunday and This Sunday

Tim & Jenny, Carter, Jack & Teddy Ballman; Jerry & Sharon Dufeck; Jason & Jessica, Hayden & Kaitlyn Frank; Adam Habisch; Tom & Kathy Habisch; Brad & Cindy Kaeter; Jim & Lorinda Mishek; Jim & Luanne Olson; Allison, Walter, Sidney & Felix Ratwik; Paul & Heather, Lauren, Lilly & Michael Riedel; Trent & Allison, Cecelia Riter; Jane Trapp; Amanda, Sam & Sybil Vander Wal; Mike & Judy Werner; Bill & Joyce Winefeldt.

### The following youth have completed the First Communion Milestone:

Wyatt Leonard Beissler; Morgan Grace Breen; Jacob Ryan Coddington; Brooklyn Ann Erickson; Madison Elizabeth Erickson; Kaitlyn Lee Frank; Katherine Grace Getsay; Lauren Anne Gronert; Ryan Dean Hill-Malvick; Aivey Grace Johansson; Timothy Mark Johansson Jr.; Keegan James Johnstone; Reid James Johnstone; Teagan Jean Leibke; William James McQuay; Kyle Alan Mueller; Jena Beth Neuendorf; Whitney Lynn O'Connell; Teegan Michael Pitchford; Tucker Ray Pitchford; Max Knowles Podbelski; Zac Knowles Podbelski; Levi William Quast; June Frances Robinson; Ethan Robert Saari; Jacob Brian Steinhorst; Abigail Faith Swanson; William Andrew Tollefson; Gracia Ann Trenda; Theodore Hankyeol Tyrrell; Samuel Glas Vander Wal; Christine LeVon VanZyl; Reese Clementine Wahlstrand; Sydney Audra Wendt.

### Commitment Sunday

October 29 was Commitment Sunday at Incarnation. Members and active participants who requested financial pledge materials present in worship completed their pledge cards for the 2018 Operating Budget and the three Capital Appeal Share the Grace beginning January 2018 and placed them in the offering as an act of worship. The pledge materials for those not present in worship on October 29 were delivered either via neighborhood routes or through the mail. Thank you for taking part, including completing your materials and moving the bag to a neighboring home within three days of receiving it, or mailing in your materials by November 19 if not on a route.

### Congregational Meeting on November 19

There will be a brief congregational meeting, for the sole purpose of election, following all four worship services on Sunday, November 19. The worship service will end and the meeting will begin immediately with each portion recessed after the election vote. As this is a continued meeting throughout the day, the only opportunity for presenting additional names from the floor will be the portion of the meeting immediately following the 8:45 a.m. worship gathering. Elections will be held to serve in positions on the Congregation Council and the Endowment Committee. Those recommended for election by the Nominating Committee and the Congregation Council are: Congregation Council: Sally Lawless; Brenda Roloff; Dan Zibell. Endowment Committee: 1st term: Vicki Engelen; Jim Grubs; Wayne Quehl; Matt Rowles; Tim Skildum; 2nd term: Scott Ginsbach; Paul Tillquist.

When: Sunday, November 19

### Living Lutheran Magazine

Incarnation will subsidize the subscription cost for anyone who is interested. Subscriptions for 2018 are being renewed. If you would like to receive Living Lutheran (formerly named "The Lutheran"), please send a check for \$7.00 payable to Incarnation. Please write "Living Lutheran" in the memo. The deadline is November 20.

### Accounting Position

Incarnation is seeking someone with accounting experience to work as a part-time accountant. This is an hourly position for 25-28 hours per week with pro-rated benefits. For more information contact Kathy Kalsow at [kkalsow@incarnationmn.org](mailto:kkalsow@incarnationmn.org).

### Sunday Morning Custodian

Incarnation is seeking a part-time custodian to support Sunday morning worship and activities. Position includes setting up computer and audio equipment, moving tables and chairs, unlocking the building and rooms, supplying bathrooms, snow removal and general cleaning as needed. For more information contact Rick Gravley at [rgravley@incarnationmn.org](mailto:rgravley@incarnationmn.org).

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## Celebration Gifts Supporting ELCA World Hunger!

Though interest in the Christmas flower garden has dwindled, people's desire to celebrate loved ones during the Christmas season remains high. Instead of purchasing plants, people may make a donation to ELCA World Hunger in honor or memory of loved ones this Christmas. Turn in your order form and payment (checks made out to Incarnation Lutheran Church with ELCA World Hunger in the memo) to the Incarnation Office by Monday, December 11. The Celebration List of gifts made in honor or memory of loved ones will be available at the Information Center and in the Gathering Space beginning December 24.

Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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