



# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Ministry Opportunities: December 30, 2018. 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:** Carol Hawkins; Joy Alizadeh; Dave Bahr; Joe Doncits; Carol Swanson; Tom Suggs' sister; Bill Fitzsimmons' brother; Geri Rule's grandson; Terry Carlson's mother; Ann Fankhanel's sister; Cathy Carter's friend, Gerry; Steve and Katrina McCarthy's friend, Steve; Harry and Marian Johnson's friend, Joan; the work of the Call Committee.

### Blessing of the Households

The Blessing of the Households is meant to extend the rich message of Christmas for Faith, Hope, and Love through you to the homes and families of Incarnation and the surrounding community. A household includes one person, four generations, or anything in between.  
When: During all worship services today.

## Connect & Grow

### Kairos Resumes On January 6

*"Fresh Perspectives on Ancient Truths"*

Many people of faith struggle with what it means to be Christian and how to understand faith. Theologians known as "progressives" (not political in this case!) have sought to find new ways to grasp the essentials of faith. The Rev. Gary Anderson will explore some of the viewpoints of Marcus Borg, Rob Bell, Brian McClaren, and Richard Rohr. Some of your deepest questions may be answered!  
When: January 6 and 13 at 8:45 and 10:05 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

### Whisper Chair Yoga - Join the New Session!

Working with the support of a chair, learn how to become quiet in body and mind to hear God's whisper and get stronger for your everyday life. An easy entry to yoga, this class is offered by Incarnation member Tina Zerrath. Cost: \$48 for eight sessions. Sign up in the Incarnation Office.  
When: January 7 - February 25, 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

### Whisper Mat Yoga - Join the New Session!

Bring a yoga mat and water bottle and join the fun, devotion and relaxation with leader and Incarnation member, Tina Zerrath. You'll build your balance, strength and flexibility regardless of your experience level. Sign up in the Incarnation Office. Cost: \$56 for eight sessions.  
When: January 7 - February 25, 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.

### January History Book

The Men's History Book Group will be meeting in Bethany Lounge to discuss the book, *The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek* by Howard Markel. This is the story of two men who helped change the course of American medicine, nutrition, wellness and diet. All those interested in this subject are welcome to join the discussion.

When: Tuesday, January 15 and 29.

### Looking Ahead: Reading Richard Rohr Small Groups

Read and talk about Richard Rohr's book, *The Naked Now*, while connecting with others in a small group setting. This book explores how to be present to each moment and to God, by drawing on the Christian contemplative traditions, the Gospels and Paul. Leader: Anne Cremons. Suggested contribution: \$10. Register: [dfloe@incarnationmn.org](mailto:dfloe@incarnationmn.org).

When: Once/week on Thursdays, 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. OR Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., March - April.

## Children, Youth & Family

### HSM: First Thursday

9th - 12th graders, stop by the Caribou Coffee in North Oaks for breakfast and a brief devotional on the first Thursday of each month. Thanks to the support of an Incarnation member, breakfast is FREE for all those who come to January's First Thursday!

When: Thursday, January 3, 7 - 8:00 a.m.

### HSM Youth Group

Wednesdays during the school year 9th - 12th grade students gather in the Youth Room for a time of fellowship, games, worship, Bible Study and prayer. This is a great way to stay connected to Incarnation after Confirmation, meet new people, ask questions and grow in your faith.

When: January 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### Preschool Registration for the 2019-20 School Year

Preschool registration for the coming school year starts in January. Visit the Preschool pages of the Incarnation website for details. Registration packets for 2019-20 school year are available for pick-up at the Preschool or Incarnation Office. Forms may also be downloaded from [incarnationmn.org](http://incarnationmn.org) and submitted anytime. Call Kirsten Barie at 651-766-0723 for more information, to schedule a tour, or to have a packet mailed to you.

### Preschool Open House

This event provides opportunity for prospective enrolling families with preschool age children to tour the classrooms, explore learning stations, meet the teachers and ask questions. Contact Kirsten Barie, 651-766-0723 or [kbarie@incarnationmn.org](mailto:kbarie@incarnationmn.org) with questions.

When: Thursday, January 10, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

# Ministry Opportunities, cont.

## Camp Wapo and Ox Lake Registration Opens January 15 Online

You can begin registering for Camp Wapo and Ox Lake online on Tuesday, January 15! Incarnation's dates are:

### Wapo One Day (currently in 1st - 2nd grade)

July 17; Cost: \$50.

### Seeds (currently in 2nd-3rd grade)

July 12 - 14; Cost: \$175\*.

### Youth Camp (currently in grades 4th - 8th)

July 14 - 19; Cost: \$455.

### Sr. High Camp (currently in grades 9th - 12th)

July 14 - 19; Cost: \$455.

### Servant Leadership Program (currently in grades 9th - 12th)

July 14 - 19; Cost: \$455.

Fundraising opportunities and scholarships are available. Registration requires a \$100 (\$50) non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. Visit [campwapo.org](http://campwapo.org) to register.

When: Registration begins Tuesday, January 15.

## Volunteer

### Meals on Wheels Drivers

Meals on Wheels is a program that delivers meals to seniors who are living independently. Based out of 3490 Lexington Ave. N in Shoreview and serving the Mounds View area, Incarnation is responsible for one Meals on Wheels route on Fridays beginning at 10:45 a.m. This is a fun, low time commitment opportunity to do with a friend, your children, or on your own. To volunteer, contact Barb Davis at 651-486-9360 or [barbdaviskinoglu@gmail.com](mailto:barbdaviskinoglu@gmail.com).

When: Fridays, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

### Dominican Republic Food in Action Mission Trip Information Session

Learn about a possible Incarnation mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Feed My Starving Children and Praying Pelican in August. The trip will be part service, part retreat/camp, as you are given opportunities to experience the distribution of FMSC food in the DR while building relationships with others. Contact Becky Benson [bbenson@incarnationmn.org](mailto:bbenson@incarnationmn.org) with questions.

When: January 3, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### Feed My Starving Children Monthly Packing Group in January

The monthly Incarnation packing group will assemble meals at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Tuesday, January 8 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Join the group and make your reservation by following the link at <https://incarnationmn.org/fmcs>. Children five and older are invited to pack with appropriate supervision detailed on the website page.

When: January 8, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

## Congregational Business

### Incarnation Office Holiday Hours

The Incarnation Office will be closed December 31 at 12:00 p.m. and January 1. Normal Office hours will resume Wednesday, January 2.

When: Closed December 31 at 12:00 p.m. and January 1.

## Generosity

### 2018 Operating Budget Update

This year we face the possibility of not meeting our 2018 operating budget. By the end of August 2018, giving was already \$130,000 behind budget and that deficit has continued to grow through the fall, reaching \$181,000 by the end of November. By the end of December, we face a potential budget shortfall of \$125,000 to \$135,000. How Incarnation closes out the 2018 fiscal year on December 31 by 12:00 p.m. will have a direct impact on the 2019 budget and the ministries we accomplish together. Please consider giving an extra gift to Incarnation's 2018 operating budget as you are able and led by God's guidance. Thank you for your generosity and for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

### 2018 Contribution Deadline

Checks and cash that are placed in the offering plates or delivered to the Incarnation Office on or before Monday, December 31 by 12:00 p.m., will be credited to your 2018 giving statement and may be claimed as a charitable contribution deduction for 2018. Online gifts are subject to business hours processing and must be processed before December 31 and rarely happen the same day. Mailed gifts must be postmarked on or before December 31. Thank you for your support!

### Income & Expense Report as of November 2018

GENERAL FUND			
	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Gifts Received	\$1,524,687	\$1,705,804	(\$181,117)
Total Expenses	\$1,716,830	\$1,835,850	(\$119,020)
<b>YTD Loss</b>	<b>(\$192,143)</b>	<b>(\$130,046)</b>	<b>(\$62,097)</b>
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN			
Beginning of the Month Balance	\$194,501		
Net Income for Month	\$47,867		
Total Expenses	(\$29,157)		
<b>Monthly Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$213,211</b>		

### Taking an IRA Distribution This Year?

If you're 70½ or older, you may find tax advantages to roll over part of your IRAs required minimum distribution (RMD) to Incarnation. While you don't receive a tax deduction on your gift, you also don't pay taxes on any distributions made to Incarnation. Contact your IRA administrator and let Amy Faymoville at [afaymoville@incarnationmn.org](mailto:afaymoville@incarnationmn.org) know your plans as soon as possible to allow for processing time.

### Stewardship Green Bag Deadline

If you still have a green bag, please fill out your stewardship materials and pass the bag along or return it to the Incarnation Office as soon as possible. The deadline for returning green bags is January 2 by 4:00 p.m. Thank you for your faithful generosity to *Step Up and Share the Grace*.

When: January 2 by 4:00 p.m.