



INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 10, 2019. 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 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: Karen Dunlap; Carol Swanson; Harold Torunsky; Maija Olson; Bill Fitzsimmons' brother; Barb Bailey's brother; Ann Fankhanel's sister; Judy Nelson's friends, Marilyn and Sharon; Kara Griffith's friends, Al and Brenda; Lisa Alben's friend, Andrew; the work of the Call Committee.

Sympathy To

Chris Bretoi and family on the death of his brother.

Scout Sunday

Today is Scout Sunday and Cub Scouts, Scouts and leaders are assisting as Greeters today. Incarnation has sponsored Scout Troop 416 for more than 40 years. The Scouting movement maintains three cornerstones: reverence to God, service to community and respect for self. For program information, contact Jason Sprain at jason.sprain@gmail.com.

Healing Service

This worship service is a time to pray, hear messages of comfort and hope, light a prayer candle and receive a blessing for yourself or for someone else in need of healing. For those who wish, there will be an opportunity to be anointed with oil and prayed for individually. The Healing Service is open to the entire community. Invite your friends, family, neighbors and others you know who long for healing. More information is available at the Information Center and in the Gathering Space. Registrations aren't required and there is no cost. When: Thursday, February, 21, 7:00 p.m.

Centering Prayer

Step out of the chaotic pace of life and refill your spirit by beginning your day with quiet guided prayer in the Chapel. No experience necessary. Come when you can. When: Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

Connect & Grow

Kairos This Week

"Opioids: Pain Medications and Drugs of Abuse - the NIH Response to H.E.A.L. the Epidemic"

With the tragic escalation in opioid-related fatalities, concerns have arisen over the use of prescription opioids, even when necessary and appropriate for pain relief. **Professor Carolyn Fairbanks**, University of Minnesota, will explain the distinct neurobiological bases for opioid relief of pain, development of addiction and fatal overdose, and sharing how the National Institutes of Health's H.E.A.L. initiative addresses the Opioid Epidemic. When: Today at 8:45 a.m. and 10:05 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Kairos Next Week

Reformed or Lutheran?

Have you ever wondered why there are so many different Christian denominations, or why some denominations are willing to do ministry together, but not others? Learn about the theological similarities and differences between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and our sister denomination the Reformed Church in America (RCA). **Pastor Joel Vander Wal** will help us consider how this informs our work with other denominations.

When: February 17 at 8:45 a.m. and 10:05 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

February Men's History Book Group

This group will meet in Bethany Lounge to discuss the book, *The Zimmermann Telegram* by Barbara W. Tuchman. This book documents how Germany, Japan and Mexico conspired to prevent the entry of the United States in WWI and reads like a spy novel. All are welcome and there is no need to register.

When: Tuesday, February 19, 9 - 10:00 a.m.

Women Read: *Under a Flaming Sky*

Women Read is a monthly opportunity for women who enjoy discussing a wide variety of books. For February, participants will discuss the book *Under a Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894* by Daniel Brown. All are welcome and there is no need to register.

When: Wednesday, February 20, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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.

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

Children, Youth & Family

"Wall O' Money" Fundraiser

People will be selling envelopes off the "Wall O' Money" in the Atrium and the Gathering Space today, February 17 and February 24 to raise money for summer camps and mission trips. How it works: Choose an envelope ranging from 1 to 150, place the dollar amount equal to the number on the outside of the envelope inside, and return the envelope to the table in the Atrium, the Gathering Space, or the Incarnation Office by Monday, March 4. When: Today, February 17, and 24.

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: February 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities, cont.

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 the Starbucks at the intersection of Hwy 96 and Centerville Road. The only cost is for the food and drinks you purchase.

When: Sunday, February 17, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

First Communion Milestone

The First Communion Milestone will be offered in two classes (1st - 2nd grade and 3rd - 5th grade) simultaneously from 3 - 5:00 p.m. on March 3. At least one parent or significant adult is asked to attend with each child. To register, download the form from the Incarnation website or stop in the Incarnation Office by Monday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m.

When: March 3, 3 - 5:00 p.m.

Youth and Family Mission Trip to Haiti

This trip is for individuals 15 years or older, families, or parent/child (minimum age is 13). Deliver clean water to the people of Cite Solei, care for the elderly, learn about what FMSC is doing in Haiti, and visit orphanages. Cost: \$2,250, \$200 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit due at the time of registration. Registration deadline: March 15. Registration materials and more information can be found in the Incarnation Office.

When: June 24 - July 1.

Volunteer

Donations welcomed for the Incarnation Preschool Silent Auction and Carnival

If you would like to donate items personally or as a promotion for your business, contact Kirsten Barie, Preschool Director at 651-766-0723 or kbarie@incarnationmn.org. Hand crafted items, event tickets, gift certificates, etc. are welcomed. The event will be held on February 24 in Grace Hall. The Silent Auction runs from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and the Carnival from 1 - 3:00 p.m.

When: Donations will be accepted now - February 15.

Knitting for Others

Create a simple prayer square to be used at a Healing Service at Incarnation. Kits with yarn, instructions and a pattern are available in the Incarnation Office.

When: Return the squares to the Incarnation Office by February 18.

Most Needed Items for Ralph Reeder Food Shelf

If you are someone who regularly donates to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf, consider purchasing the following items in February: peanut butter, grape jelly, stew, chili, vegetable oil, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, 100% juice, canned tuna, laundry detergent and toilet paper.

When: During February.

Lenten Soup Suppers Volunteers Needed

Incarnation is looking for volunteers to help with Soup Suppers for Ash Wednesday (both noon and evening meals) and for the rest of Lent (evening meal only). Visit the Incarnation website for more information. Please contact Amy Martell at amartell@incarnationmn.org for questions.

When: Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Wednesdays during Lent, though April 10.

PowerPoint/Video Operator for 6:00 p.m. Worship

Assist with the 6:00 p.m. worship service as a PowerPoint/video projection volunteer. Advance slides during worship and support the worship experience with other related activities. Training is available and volunteers will serve on a rotating basis. For a ministry description or to volunteer, contact Steve Dorr at sdorr@incarnationmn.org.

When: Sundays during the 6:00 p.m. worship.

Resources for Caregivers

Lyngblomsten, a ministry partner with Incarnation, offers resources and support for caregivers, including those caring for loved ones with memory loss, dementia, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. For more information visit lyngblomsten.org/community-services or call 651-632-5331.

Generosity

Generosity "Lunch and Learn": Your Retirement Planning

Join Incarnation member Roger Schlichting of Thrivent and Pastor Janet Karvonen-Montgomery for a free meal and a learning opportunity. There is no sales pressure - this is a time to learn helpful strategies to have a successful retirement and give you the ability to live a life filled with generosity. Sign up in the Incarnation Office by Friday, February 22.

When: February 26, 12 - 1:30 p.m. or 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Year End Giving Statement Update

It has been discovered that there may be some donations from December 2018 that are in our system, but did not appear on the 2018 Year-End Giving Statements. Be assured that your donations were received but just did not print out on the statement. Please check your giving statement against your records. If you find that anything is missing from your statement and you need to have your statement re-printed, please send an email to Danette Griffith at dgriffith@incarnationmn.org

Thrivent Action Teams - A Great Way to Fund Your Service Idea

Thrivent Financial members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team and apply for seed money of \$250. Thrivent Action Teams encourage a sense of generosity and service utilizing a small group of people who come together for the benefit of others. Learn more about how you can fuel an Incarnation ministry you're passionate about with an action team by going to <https://incarnationmn.org/financial-stewardship/>.

Income & Expense Report as of December 2018

GENERAL FUND			
	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Gifts Received	\$1,897,262	\$2,007,000	(\$110,262)
Total Expenses	\$1,968,376	\$2,007,000	(\$38,624)
YTD Loss	(\$71,115)	(\$ -)	(\$71,115)
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN			
Beginning of the Month Balance	\$213,211		
Net Income for Month	\$118,093		
Total Expenses	(\$42,893)		
Monthly Ending Balance	\$288,410		