



INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 17, 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.

Worship & Prayer

Prayer Concerns: Tim Skildum; Barb Schornstein; Kevin Wipf; Maija Olson; Mike Wielenberg's sister; Judy Nelson's nieces; Annie Bullert's mother; Barb Bailey's brother; Ann Fankhanel's sister; Carol Lacey's friend, Liisa.

Sympathy to: Jocy Teske and family on the death of her mother.

Wednesday Lenten Worship

March 20, 27, April 3 & 10 at 12 p.m. & 7 p.m.*

Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. in Grace Hall.

There is no cost - free will offering.

**Nursery is available.*

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

The sermon series for Wednesdays during Lent is "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Using Jesus' teaching in the Lord's Prayer as inspiration, explore different ways of connecting with God in prayer. You can find the sermon audio recordings online at incarnationmn.org/lentenprayertoolbox after Wednesday worship services, as well as resources for the Prayer Toolbox.

March 20: Give us today our daily bread.

March 27: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

April 3: Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

April 10: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

40-Day Prayer Experiment

It's not too late to join the 40-Day Prayer Experiment. Commit to a daily time of prayer and to once a week prayer and conversations with a prayer partner. For details, to sign up, or to download the prayer guide, visit incarnationmn.org/connect-grow/prayer.

When: Now - Easter Sunday, April 21.

Women's Choir

All women are invited to come and sing in the Women's Choir. No experience is necessary.

When: The group will meet for one rehearsal in the Choir Room on Wednesday March 20 at 6:30 p.m. and sing for the 7:00 p.m. March 20 Lenten Worship service.

Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be available in the Alleluia Chapel, whenever the building is open. Designed to be accessible for children as well as adults, this experience combines colorful images, reflection questions and prayer.

When: Now - Easter Sunday, April 21.

Prayer Service for Grief & Loss

This service is a time to remember and hear words of comfort and hope. Loss comes in many forms from the loss of a loved one to many other types of losses. Whether your loss is recent or was years ago, whether it is a loss you've experienced or you're supporting someone else facing a loss, come for prayers, readings and to light a candle. This service is part of the Caring Community Initiative of Incarnation's strategic plan.

When: Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Connect & Grow

Kairos This Week

Dementia Care at End-of-Life: A Personal Story

The Rev. Luther Dale and The Rev. Ed Holland learned many lessons while providing end-of-life care for David, Luther Dale's brother and Ed Holland's friend, who had cognitive dementia and many health issues. They will share personal stories of struggle, interactions with health care providers and the legal system, and strategies for self-care when navigating personal emotional responses.

When: Today, 8:45 a.m. and 10:05 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

What is the Bible?

This book discussion group will work through Rob Bell's *What is the Bible? How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything*. Participants are asked to buy their own book. Led by Georgia Schultz. Sign-up in the Incarnation Office by March 18.

When: Tuesdays, March 19 - May 14 (except April 16), 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Women Read: *Under a Flaming Sky*

The February Women Read session was snowed out so participants will discuss the February book, *Under a Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894* by Daniel Brown, in March. No need to register.

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

Kairos Next Week

Dementia Care at End of Life: A Personal Story

The Rev. Ed Holland, former hospice chaplain at Methodist Hospital, learned many lessons while providing end-of-life care for his friend who had cognitive dementia and many health issues. He will share personal stories of struggle, interactions with health care providers and the legal system, and strategies for self-care when navigating personal emotional responses.

When: March 24, 8:45 a.m. and 10:05 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Ministry Opportunities, cont.

Primetimers: March

Primetimers is a time of fellowship and learning for people ages 60 and older. This month's guest is local entrepreneur and Finnish cook, Soile Anderson. Soile founded Taste of Scandinavia and recently co-authored a book called *Celebrations to Remember*. Cost: \$4, includes lunch (Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, and a sweet treat made by Soile herself). Sign-up in the Incarnation Office.

When: Thursday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Discover Incarnation—Postponed Until Fall 2019

The March 31 Discover Incarnation membership gathering will be postponed until fall 2019 to give the new senior pastor the opportunity to attend and provide a richer experience for prospective Incarnation members. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and will publish the new date when it has been established. For questions, contact Becky Benson at bbenson@incarnationmn.org or go to incarnationmn.org/about/new-to-incarnation/.

Children, Youth & Family

Brewed Theology

Brewed Theology is an opportunity for young adults (post-high school/pre-baby) to gather to talk about faith and life. This is open to anyone who is looking to connect with other young adults and interested in digging deeper into their faith. Meet at Starbucks at the intersection of Hwy 96 and Centerville Road. The only cost is for the food/drinks you purchase.

When: Today, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bibles for 6th Graders

The Bibles on the table near the Incarnation Office will be given to current 6th graders at the 6th grade Milestone in April. You're invited to write a message or mark a passage in a Bible using the pens on the table. There are also Post-its available if you would rather add a Post-it to a Bible. Bibles will be rotated throughout the month so check back and write in them more than once please.

HSM Youth Group during Lent

HSM Youth Group continues to meet during Lent! During Lent, 9th - 12th graders will gather in Classrooms 15 - 17 for a time of fellowship, checking in, Bible Study and service. 9th - 12th graders are encouraged to worship with their families at the 7:00 p.m. Lenten service.

When: March 27, 6 - 7:00 p.m.

High School Open Canoe Trip

The Wilderness Canoe Base is now offering Open Canoe Trips that allow individuals, or small groups, to experience the beauty of the Boundary Waters without the need to register with a full group. Cost: \$505. For more information or to register visit: campwapo.org/camp/wilderness.

When: August 4 - 10.

Volunteer

Holy Hammers/Habitat for Humanity

Stop by the Holy Hammers table after the Sunday morning services to learn how to help support the project to build a Habitat for Humanity house in St. Paul from April-June. Volunteers age 16 and older are needed for construction work and food providers. For more information, contact Jim Fruehling at jamesw.f@icloud.com.

When: Today, after morning worship services.

2019 All Hands on Hope Feed My Starving Children MobilePack™ Event

The 2019 All Hands on Hope FMSC MobilePack™ Event has kicked off and you can make your online registrations to pack April 29 - May 2 to help pack 750,000 meals, feeding 2,054 kids for one year! Make donations to help pay for the food by going to incarnationmn.org/allhandsonhope, or by writing a check to Incarnation with "FMSC" in the memo line.

When: April 29 - May 2.

Honor God's Creation - Celebrate Earth Hour

Earth Hour is a way to commit to God's planet, a time to think, talk and pray. The communities most vulnerable to food insecurity are also the most likely to experience negative consequences to environmental changes. Can environmental stewardship make a difference for people who live with hunger? Turn off non-essential lights in this symbolic effort with 188 other countries. Visit earthhour.org for more information.

When: Sunday, March 30, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Generosity

Minnesota FoodShare

A portion of all donations of food and dollars to Ralph Reeder Food Shelf from now through April 8 are matched by Minnesota FoodShare. Dollars can be stretched as food is purchased through discounted suppliers. Drop off donated items in the large bin near the Nursery. Thank you for your continued generosity.

When: Now - April 8.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, you may have the opportunity to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to a charity of your choice, including Incarnation. If you have questions about how to do this, speak to your Thrivent representative, go to <https://incarnationmn.org/financial-stewardship/>

When: The deadline for directing 2018 funds is March 31.

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. 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/>.

When: Apply by April 3 to use Action Team money for the FMSC MobilePack™ and drop off card in the Incarnation Office attn: Becky Benson.

Congregational Business

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting to hear the final report of the Call Committee and to discuss and vote on the recommendation of the Incarnation Council to call a candidate for senior pastor, as identified by the Call Committee. Information about the candidate will be shared at the meeting. All Confirmed youth and adult voting members are invited and encouraged to attend. You must be present at the meeting to cast your vote. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please contact Pastor Chris Smith in the Incarnation Office.

When: Sunday, April 7, 12:00 p.m.