



**Lutheran  
Social Service**  
of Minnesota

May 8, 2020

The Rev. Kai Nilsen  
Incarnation Lutheran Church  
4880 Hodgson Rd.  
Shoreview, MN 55126

Re: **2020 Servant of Christ Award**

Pastor Nilsen,

Grace and peace to you from Christ our Redeemer!

It is my honor to inform you that Incarnation Lutheran Church has been selected by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) to receive the 2020 Servant of Christ Award in the St. Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*Incarnation Lutheran Church is recognized for your commitment to LifeHaven, the family-style home on the east side of Saint Paul that provides housing and support to 16 to 17-year-old mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness.*

*Incarnation Lutheran Church has been a long-time supporter and encourager of LifeHaven through generous financial gifts, in-kind donations and volunteer support. Youth and adults alike serve in a variety of ways such providing meals, childcare, providing transportation, gardening and serving on the advisory committee. We cannot express the depth of our gratitude for your continued commitment.*

I hope to present this award, along with a commemorative plaque, to your congregation in person at another time in 2020 or as conditions allow. That occasion will truly be a time for celebration of the partnership we share.

Congratulations and thank you for empowering LSS to be an extension of your ministry. Together, we are truly changing lives.

In gratitude through Christ,

**The Rev. Julie Wright**

**Director of Church Partnerships and Volunteerism**

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*We are so grateful for your leadership, Incarnation! God bless you all.*