



Lifetimes

September 2024

From the Pastor



Pastor Kai Nilsen

On September 8, we will publicly launch our **Building for Our Future** appeal. By the end of 2026, we are hoping to raise \$3.7 million to pay for staffing of new positions in Young Adult Ministry (20s, 30s) and Senior Ministry (retirement and beyond), expand our support of and connection to our Ministry Partnerships, and care

for our facility so that it can be a sought-after place to gather for our community. You should have received a letter with the breakdown of anticipated costs and timelines.

The planning for the appeal and the development of our three-year strategic plan have directed us to ask the question, "What is the kind of community God is asking us to create?"

In his book, *Faith after Doubt*, Brian McLaren invites us to consider the kind of faith formation that will be at the heart of this community.

"Deep personal formation of the next generation depends on close-at-hand mentors and models who authentically embody the way of life we hope the children will "catch" through imitation. The loving hearts of parents, teachers, and other significant adult models in a child's life are the primary sacred texts from which the child will learn faith expressing itself in love."

Look at the components of that kind of formation:

- *Close-at-hand mentors and models*
- *Authentic embodying of the way of life and love*
- *Parents, teachers, and other adults as primary sacred texts (kids read our lives)*
- *Goal: Children (all of us) will learn faith expressing itself in love.*

Can you see yourself in it? Will you offer yourselves to it?

As you know, we are in a time of staff transition. So, let me be clear, as we look for new staff people to lead this formation process, I/we are looking for people who can be models of the Jesus' kind of life, not just in what they say but by who they are. We are looking for people of competence and skill, but also people who have a vision of formation that will lead people, across the generations, to a faith that expresses itself in love.

More programs will not create a better, more loving world. More people captured by the expansive love of God will.

In that way, **Building for Our Future** is not just a capital campaign, it's a compassion cause, a love learning lab that will shape the hearts and minds of this community for generations to come.

See you in worship on the 8th of September, and beyond.

Peace, Kai

We are building up toward a vital sense of work, far beyond a mere job or career, but rather the sense that we have a job to do on this earth, that we have been called to make a contribution and to be a factor, no matter how small or unrecognized. We grow into a life work, becoming bigger in the process, bringing along our passions, energies, and expectations.

Thomas Moore
"A Life at Work"



Tracy Strantz
Council President

Thank you for joining our August 11th Congregation Discussion Forum! If you were not able to join us, please find the discussion materials published on [our Council page](#). Thank you to our guest presenters, Annabel Pautsch and Rachel Strantz, our 2024 Summer Interns, who shared perspectives on their Gen Z peer group and ideas to engage that target audience in Young Adult Ministry at Incarnation.

We had great attendance and many helpful comments and questions during the forum. There were a few questions that required additional information gathering. These are provided below for awareness:

Q: Regarding the camera installation mentioned on slide 8 (Facilities updates slide), where will the cameras be located, inside or outside, and will they provide 24-hour surveillance?

A: We have some exterior cameras already. The new system will support 16 new cameras for the facility interior. The new system is a smart system with various proactive alert capabilities, motion detection, etc. Our Safety & Security Committee will provide recommendations on surveillance criteria and footage retention duration. The cameras will be installed in the coming weeks.

Q: Will we conduct a financial audit this year?

A: In 2022, our Finance Committee recommended we complete internal financial reviews over the next three years. Last year, an independent task force completed a financial review for Incarnation. Earlier this year, a similar independent review was completed for the Incarnation Preschool. Both financial reviews were completed with satisfactory findings. The Finance Committee will coordinate dates for the next cycle of internal reviews. Recommendations on external audits are provided by the Finance Committee to Council on three-year cycles.

Q: What is our current church membership count and how is membership defined?

A: We track membership in our Realm database and a voting member is defined as any confirmed member

who has communed in this congregation and made a contribution of record to this congregation in the current or preceding year. In May, we updated our ELCA Site Profile in preparation for our call committee process. We estimated average weekly worship attendance in the 700+ range, inclusive of in-person and virtual participation options. As we embark on our *Building for Our Future* campaign in the coming weeks, we will be sharing communication with all members which will help us validate our membership data in Realm.

In our discussion forum, we also shared updates on facilities and solar projects and targeted 2024–2025 timelines. The 2024 priority projects are all underway and considered on track. Thank you to the many committees and congregation members who are lending their expertise on these projects. Thank you to everyone who has already initiated financial support for the *Building for Our Future* campaign, which officially launches in September. Your early commitments allowed us to move forward with replacing the remaining 23 outdated windows this year! There is also progress with Inspec, our roofing consultant, on our roof design plans. The roof replacement is a top priority for the *Building for Our Future* funding request.

The Council is also organizing our annual nominating committee to help us identify candidates to join our Council for the 2025–2028 term, new members for the Endowment Committee, and additional ELCA Synod Representatives. Last month we shared highlights on the Synod Representative role in our Lifetimes update. Stay tuned for updates on the Endowment Committee next month.

This is a very exciting time to serve on Council. I've learned a lot in my 20 months on Council and have a much broader understanding of our ministries, hopes and goals of the Incarnation leadership team, and the partnerships between Council and numerous committees and activities. It is a tremendous team effort and we collectively strive to prudently represent the congregation in our conversations, evaluations, and decision-making. We welcome new Council members each year which brings new perspectives, ideas, and relationship-building opportunities. If you are interested in learning more about joining Council, please let us know.

You may connect with us through email at council@incarnationmn.org or come visit us in person after Sunday worship services. You will find a Council member at our mobile Welcome Kiosk which will be stationed either by Bethany Lounge or near the entrance to the church office, depending on what's going on in the Atrium any given Sunday.

It's time!

Soon our annual nominating committee will be identifying candidates to join the Congregation Council, the Endowment Committee, and serve as Synod Representatives. All of these are great opportunities to collaborate with others, learn more about Incarnation initiatives, and support our faith community!



What do Council members do?

- Lead in advancing the mission and ministry of the congregation.
- Plan for the future; Strengthen the congregation; Direct, guide, and coordinate ministries.
- Communicate and promote the mission and ministry of the congregation to members, guests,

and the community.

- Involve members in the life and work of the congregation, using their gifts in ministry.
- Establish policies that are consistent with the congregation's mission.
- Collaborate with various committees including Finance, Facilities, Preschool, Human Resources, Communication, etc.
- Participate in monthly meetings; vote on key decisions, contribute expertise and insights; pray together; have fun!

Growing Through Loss



Growing Through Loss is a series of presentations that provides opportunities for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Pick up a copy of the fall topics at church or download a PDF at the link:

[Growing Through Loss Fall 2024 Brochure](#)

Invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate the start of fall at our 2nd Annual Friday Night Block Party – September 6, 5:00–8:00 pm. This is a FREE event for the whole community. There will be inflatables, 25’ climbing wall, pig roast + sides (veggie options available), music by local “Beatles+” band The Teddy Holidays, and much more. Signup [HERE](#) to serve and help make this community-wide event happen.

Menu:

- Pork sandwiches
- Veggie burgers
- Potato salad
- Chips
- Veggies — cukes and carrots
- Pickles — baby dills
- Condiments – ranch and bbq sauces
- Desserts — brownie bites and GF cookies
- Drinks — water and lemonade
- All utensils and paper products will be composted

Links to the SignUp Genius:

<https://tinyurl.com/Annual-Block-Party>





Welcome to the 2024-2025 Kairos season. This year we're introducing the Kairos logo, the Jerusalem cross, a universal symbol for Kairos (God's time). Kairos sessions will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

September 15:

**Religion and Politics:
Why We Get It Wrong and How to
Get It Right**

*Mark Tranvik, Professor of
Reformation History and
Theology, Luther Seminary*



There is too much heat and not enough light in our politics today, but things don't have to be this way. Properly understood, faith in Jesus Christ ought to free us to see the political realm as yet another way we are called to love and serve the neighbor. Tranvik considers himself a "parish pastor at heart" and served Cross of Glory, Brooklyn

Center before teaching at Augsburg University and then Luther Seminary. He has written widely on Martin Luther and the topic of vocation, particularly as it relates to our public lives as Christians.

September 22:

**Jewish Identity and
Anti-Semitism**

*Steve Lear, Founder, Speakers
Bureau, Jewish Community
Relations Council*



If it can happen to the Jews it can happen to the Christians. It's important because if understood, it would elevate the importance of the teachings of Jesus. A visionary, philanthropist, community activist and financial advisor, Lear has founded several small businesses and philanthropic organizations. He devotes much of his time and energy to his community, speaking, participating in workshops and sitting on the boards of local organizations.

**September 29:
Continuing the
Solid Ground Mission**

*Diamond Hunter, Solid Ground
Executive Director*



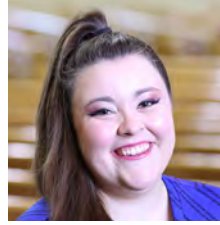
Incarnation has been a supporter of Solid Ground for many years. As the new Executive Director, Hunter will share Solid Ground's vision for the next three years to ensure continuing its overall mission to end homelessness. This includes the Capital Campaign, which includes renovating the White Bear Lake location and aiming to sustain the building, a focus for Solid Ground's Oct. 11 Bring It Home gala. Hunter joined Solid Ground in February 2022 as the Director of Programs following her role leading the Family & Integrative Services with Merrick Community Services.



*Sean Turner
Minister of Worship,
Music & the Arts*

Greetings from the Music Department! What a wonderful summer of uplifting music during our services! This is in no small part to our incredibly gifted community of congregational musicians. I would like to gratefully acknowledge Stephanie Sinclair, Suzy Schultz, Nancy LaCroix, Monica Murray, Donna Rauch, Michael Galeski, Lou Ann Reese, Annika Maakestad, Harry Maakestad, Mathew Maakestad, Paul Tillquist, and Lily Grafstrom for blessing us during summer worship. If you have musical gifts that you'd like to share in worship, please contact [Sean Turner](#). We'd love to have you participate! Our amazing tech crew headed up by Emily Turner has been working incredibly hard on a new project that will greatly enhance the experience for those viewing our services online. Here is an update from her on all of the work they have been doing behind the scenes to bring an even greater experience to our online community.

This has been an exciting summer for the livestream! The techs have been hard at work putting together a Livestream Sound Studio that will remove the livestream soundboard from the Sanctuary. There are a lot of benefits to this, but the



*Emily Turner
Media Arts Director*

biggest and most notable of these is that the livestream soundboard operator will be able to hear what they're mixing in a quiet, sound-controlled environment instead of being in the same room with the amplified sound in the Sanctuary that competes with the mix they're trying to create in their headphones. This means that they'll be able to hear everything that's happening in crisp detail and create a precise, dynamic audio experience for everyone who watches the livestream. The installment process has involved acoustic treatment of the room, sending audio feeds back and forth between the Sanctuary and the Studio, as well as sending camera feeds to the Studio so the livestream sound techs will be able to see what's happening in the Sanctuary space. I want to say a huge, "Thank You!" to our techs, Trygve, Andy, and Michael, who played an integral role in this project through their research, installing, troubleshooting, and testing out our new Livestream Sound Studio. By the time you're reading this, we will have had our inaugural stream in the Livestream Sound Studio on August 25, 2024! I'm so proud of our techs and the strides we've made from our very first stream on March 7, 2021, and I'm excited for all the future projects we have planned!

About the Music Ministry

Incarnation's Music Ministry has opportunities for people of all ages, offering great ways to use your musical gifts to help lead worship as part of an ensemble and to connect with one another within this faith community. Whether you are an advanced musician or new to music, vocalist or instrumentalist, there is a place for you to use your passions for music to glorify God. Questions about Music Ministry or want to get involved? Contact [Sean Turner](#).

Choirs and Ensembles

Senior Choir

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

The first rehearsal is on September 4. Do you love to sing? Then please consider joining Incarnation's "largest small group." The Senior Choir leads worship three out of four Sundays per month. Lift your voice, make new friends, and lift listener's spirits while taking part in this wonderfully welcoming ensemble! Contact director Sean Turner for more information and to join.

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10:30 a.m. Worship Band

The worship band leads the music portion of worship for the 10:30 a.m. worship service, including congregational singing, music for the gathering, offering and postlude portions of the worship. Players and vocalists must be of a professional caliber. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Sean Turner for more information.

Joyful Noise

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:10 PM in the Fireside Room.

The first rehearsal is on September 18. Children in Grades 1-5 who love to sing are invited to join this joyous singing ensemble. We will gather each week in a positive environment to learn the words and music to new songs as a group. Children will make new friends as they sing God's praises together. Joyful Noise will sing worship about once a month from October to May, primarily at the 9 AM service. Contact director Kathleen Johnson or Amy Maakestad for more information and to join.

Handbell Ensembles

Alleluia Ringers

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:15 – 7:15 PM in the Handbell Room.

The first rehearsal is September 11. Adults are invited to join this exciting handbell ensemble. No prior handbell experience is necessary, but some background in music is very helpful. We focus on developing all handbell techniques and expanding musical expression with a repertoire that enriches the worship experience. The Alleluia Ringers play in worship at least once a month from September to May. Contact director Amy Maakestad for more information and to join.

Bells of Praise

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:10 PM in the Handbell Room.

The first rehearsal is on September 18. Youth in Grades 5 – 12 are invited to join this lively handbell ensemble. Rehearsals are spent developing both handbell and handchime technique while reading music. In addition to forming lasting friendships, important outcomes of belonging to this ensemble are learning the songs of our faith and contributing to worship. Bells of Praise will play in worship about once a month from October to May, primarily at the 9 AM service. Contact director Amy Maakestad for more information and to join.

Grace Notes

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4:50 – 5:30 PM in the Handbell Room.

The first rehearsal is on September 18. Children in Grades 1–5 are invited to join this introductory handbell ensemble. We focus on learning basic hand chime technique, learning music notation, and playing together with others. Children will experience a positive and supportive environment during rehearsals as we learn to make music as an ensemble. Grace Notes will play in worship about once a month from October to May, primarily at the 9 AM service. Contact director Amy Maakestad at amaakestad@incarnationmn.org for more information and to join.

Prime Chimers

Rehearsals are on Mondays from 10:30 – 11:30 AM in the Handbell Room.

The first session will be five weeks, November 4 – December 2. Making music is fun! This group will play hand chimes, sing, and probably laugh while enjoying fellowship, devotions, and light snacks. Our primary purpose is to encounter God's gift of music without the stress of preparing for performance. No music background is necessary, but a desire to learn through experience is a plus. Contact director Amy Maakestad at amaakestad@incarnationmn.org for more information and to join.

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Instrumental

ILC Brass Ensemble

The ILC Brass Ensemble is open to brass instrumentalists from an intermediate to advanced level. This ensemble provides musical support for services at specific times throughout the year. We hold rehearsals two weeks in advance of each service date. Contact director Sean Turner for more information and to join.

Worship Teams

Being on a Worship Team is a low commitment, but important service opportunity. You can serve as a greeter, usher, or communion server. Most worship team members serve every other month. Under this model, lay Worship Team Leaders create schedules for their teams each month, based on team member availability, and communicate the schedules to the team. Currently, worship teams are comprised of greeters and ushers. Under the Worship Team model, you can serve one way one month, and another way the next month. The more people who join Worship Teams, the easier it is to spread the service opportunities evenly. Worship Teams gather prior to worship each Sunday, check in with the leader, and are a part of a pastor-led prayer before serving. Seasonal service worship teams are also formed when needed for each seasonal worship service offered at Incarnation.

Do you have questions about Worship Teams or want to get involved? Contact [Julie Durbin](#).



*Amy Maakestad
Director of
Traditional Worship*

The Incarnation Music Series returns for a second season! We are striving to fill the world with God's grace and love through locally available, high-quality music and are happy to offer this series as a gift to the community. All concerts are on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and are followed by a reception. A free-will offering will be taken to support the continuation of the series. Mark your calendars, plan to attend, and bring a friend!

INCARNATION MUSIC SERIES

October 6, 2024

Ponyfolk

Ponyfolk brings its unique indie folk rock band vibe to open the second season of the Incarnation Lutheran Church Music Series. Their music, featuring intricate finger-picking techniques and Scandinavian-inspired styles, has been described as “the dark side of Simon and Garfunkel” and “early Pink Floyd mixed with Lord of the Rings soundtrack.”

December 15, 2024

Copper Street Brass

Creating brand new music for the brass quintet by employing a dazzling fusion of brass, keyboard, guitar, percussion and electronic instruments is the mission of the Copper Street Brass Quintet. Expect the unexpected, as every concert presents an unparalleled variety of music that goes beyond the ordinary.

February 23, 2025

Lumina

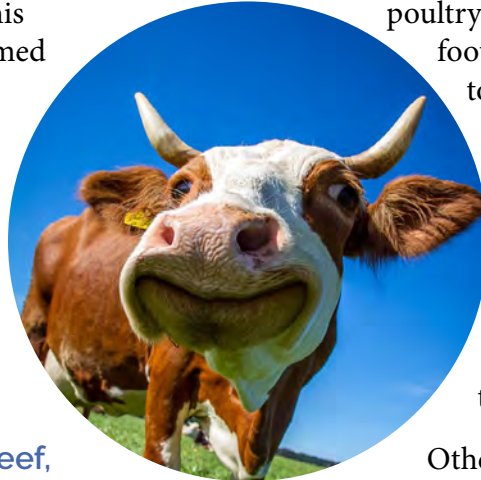
Lumina is a women's vocal ensemble dedicated to the mystery, beauty, and hope inherent in music. Drawing from a rich well of musical sources, including Medieval chants, Renaissance motets, folk song traditions and works by living and local composers, their goal is to share the spiritual experience of music through performance, participation and education.

April 6, 2025

Sean Turner & Friends

From his beginnings as a soloist with the St. Paul Chamber Symphony alongside Metropolitan Opera Soprano Lucy Shelton to his present-day activities as an award-winning composer for film, television, and media — the universal language of music has been the common thread woven through Sean's diverse musical career.

Welcome to the Creation Care Corner, which has information from the Creation Care Action Group. We believe that as Christians we are called to care for God's creation as an integral part of our Christian faith and identity. The Creation Care Action Group is dedicated to embracing this calling. We hope to keep you informed about Creation Care projects at Incarnation and provide ideas and resources for your own journey in creating a more sustainable world. We hope you find this information helpful. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact [Nancy Stutzman](#) or [Mike Vant](#).



packaging of our food accounts for about 17% of our household carbon footprint. Globally, the spread of beef farming is causing huge deforestation. While many circumstances determine the carbon footprint of industrially raised animals, the production of poultry produces a dramatically lower carbon footprint than beef. Switching from beef to chicken can significantly reduce the climate impact of your food choices. The choice certainly does not need to be an all-or-nothing situation. Just reducing your consumption of beef to no more than two times per week is helpful. Your world, your pocketbook and maybe even your doctor will thank you.

Today's topic: to beef or not beef, that is the question!

Many of us enjoy a good steak from time to time. For those of us trying to be mindful of our carbon footprint, this can pose a problem. On top of all the personal health issues we may consider when making food choices, what we eat also has an impact on the environment. The production, transportation, and

Other Resources:

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/eating-less-red-meat-is-something-individuals-can-do-to-help-the-climate-crisis/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUDzTZ9NNw>

<https://communityhealth.mayoclinic.org/featured-stories/climate-friendly-eating>

Finance Report

Your generosity continues to be appreciated! We have now hired both a Communications Director and the Director of Children and Family Ministry so compensation expenses will go up for the rest of the year. Please continue to be generous.

Through July, we have been able to give over \$80,000 to our Ministry Partners which includes the St. Paul Area Synod, the preschool, and ministries such as Ralph Reeder Food Shelf.

Finance Report July 2024

Actual July Operating Giving	\$203,020	YTD Operating Giving	\$1,362,721	YTD Operating Giving Budget	\$1,503,117
Actual July Operating Expense	\$171,658	YTD Operating Expense	\$1,314,220	YTD Operating Expense Budget	\$1,465,039
TOTALS	\$31,362		\$48,501		\$38,078
Actual July Mortgage Giving	\$22,925	YTD Mortgage Giving	\$177,337	YTD Mortgage Giving Budget	\$214,000
Actual July Mortgage Expense	\$20,675	YTD Mortgage Expense	\$169,725	YTD Mortgage Expense Budget	\$169,725
TOTALS	\$2,250		\$7,612		\$44,275



Save the date for the **Lyngblomsten Foundation Annual Gala** on September 26. Make plans now to join us on the evening of September 26 for this annual event. Funds raised help older adults age well in the community through wellness and enrichment opportunities, caregiver support, spiritual care, and more. Visit www.lyngblomsten.org/Gala for more details.

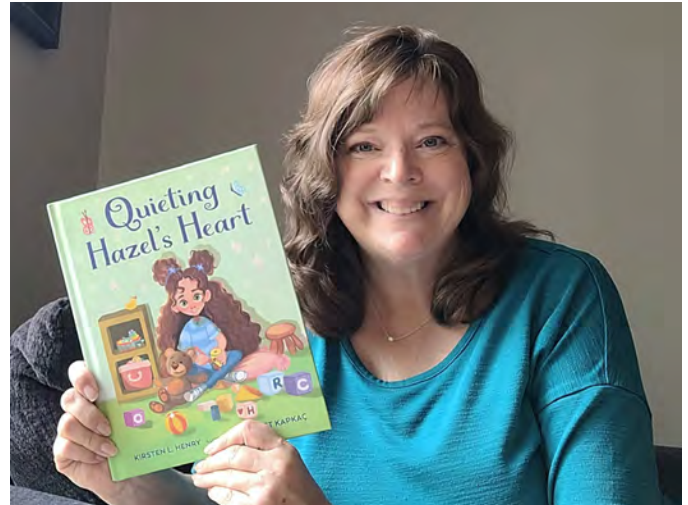
Our congregation is a member of Lyngblomsten, a Christian nonprofit organization providing healthcare, housing, and community-based services for older adults since 1906.

Women's Bible Study — Esther Circle

Bible study with groups of women has been a long-standing tradition in Lutheran churches. Incarnation is no exception and the Esther Circle has been meeting faithfully for many years. While our reason for gathering is Bible study together, we are also a supportive community for each other. We welcome women, of all ages, from Incarnation and the community to join us as we seek to learn more about our great God and how we are called to ministry in God's name.

Esther Circle meets on the first Thursday of the month (September-May) at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Our Bible study follows that of the Women of the ELCA in the Gather magazine and we are led by volunteer leaders. Volunteers also provide treats to go with our morning coffee. Our monthly offerings are distributed each December, by consensus, to a variety of ministries, often related to women and children.

Come and be a part of the study and friendship to be found in Esther Circle. Join us on September 5 at 9:00 a.m. The welcome mat is out for you.



We have some exciting staff news this month. With preschool starting up, we think it is the perfect time to highlight a new children's author in our midst. Our very own Preschool Director, Kirsten Henry, has just published her first children's picture book, **Quieting Hazel's Heart**. Her picture book is about children learning to separate from their parents and start school. Hazel experiences what many children do when they leave their parents for the first time, fear and nervous feelings. With the help of her teacher and a little creativity, Hazel slows her pounding heart and adjusts to going to school on her own. This uplifting and sweet story is a great read for children ages 3-6 who are working through separation anxiety and starting something new. Be sure to check it out and share it with families in your life! For more on her author journey and ordering info, go to her website at www.kirstenlhenry.com.

Kirsten has been an early childhood educator for nearly 20 years. Over the course of her career, she felt a desire to tell her own children's stories. Her inspiration comes from children and teachers over the years, as well as from her own children, Ryan and Sarah. It is her hope that her books delight and teach children important skills.

Facebook and Instagram: @authorkirstenlhenry



Connect with others, deepen your faith, and engage in conversations around faith and life. Small groups are a place to learn, share, pray, and serve as part of a community. New small groups planned for fall will explore: The Saint John's Bible, Looking Inward, Living Outward (Fall sermon series and book by Daniel Wolpert), Creation Care, Liturgy of the Ordinary (God's presence in the ordinary moments and routines), and The Way of Love (faith practices to follow Jesus), and Looking Inward, Living Outward. Check out the new small groups and the latest updates on the website at: www.incarnationmn.org/ministries/small-groups/.

New Member Class

Have you found your new church home at Incarnation? Are you interested in becoming a member? Join us for our New Members Class on Sunday, October 15 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (following the 10:30 a.m. worship service). A lunch will be served, as we explore our joined faith in Christ and discover our Mission, Vision, and Values as a community of faith. [Click here to register!](#) You may also call Julie Durbin at 651-484-7213 or use the QR code below.



Nursery care will be available during that time for children 10 and under, simply indicate if you need nursery care on the registration form.



Winter is a challenging time for many families. Your generosity can provide warmth and comfort to our neighbors at Solid Ground. Please consider donating new or gently-used coats, boots, hats, weatherproof gloves, snow pants, and scarves. All sizes are needed. The families at Solid Ground will appreciate the warm gear for cold walks to bus stops and for children playing in the snow. A collection box will be available inside Incarnation from September 1 to October 6. Monetary donations are especially helpful to purchase coats or boots when sizes are not available to meet the needs of families. Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors to participate. We believe that by coming together as a community, we can make a significant impact and bring joy to the lives of our Solid Ground neighbors. Any winter wear donations not used by Solid Ground families are brought to the Alley Shoppe in Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, helping more people stay warm this winter.

Volunteers will be needed to work in a group setting at Incarnation to help sort, mark, and package donations in September and October. Please contact [Claire Gilbert](#) for details.

You're invited!

Join others from Incarnation to enjoy the festivities and support Solid Ground's mission. Indicate "Incarnation" in the registration process to sit by others from our community.



DATE: Friday, October 11th at 6:00 pm

NEW LOCATION: Keller Golf Club

This year, Solid Ground's 11th Annual *Bring It Home Dinner & Auction* is **For the Kids!**

Please join our premier fundraising event as we celebrate families breaking the cycle of homelessness for the next generation!

The evening includes inspiring stories from our families and staff, in addition to a delicious dinner, desserts, games, and amazing silent and live auctions.

The Fund-A-Need portion of this year's event will benefit over 528 children in Solid Ground's housing — 180 under the age of 5 last year!

Save the date and be part of this impactful event! Buy your tickets now!

Tickets:

\$100 (early bird pricing)

\$125 (after September 13)

Tables of 10 guests:

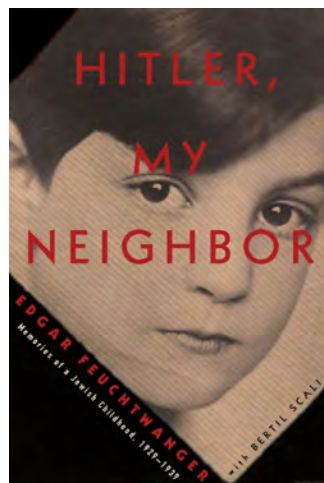
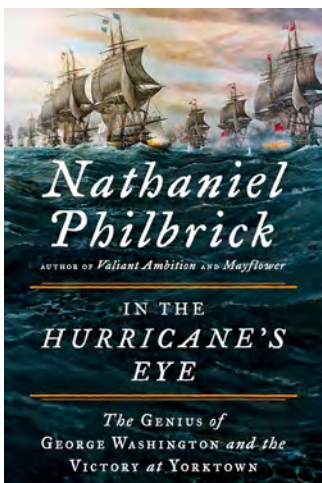
\$1,000 (includes signage)

Register online by October 1, 2024.

Festive attire.

Reserve soon — you won't want to miss this!

Men's History Book Group



All are welcome to attend any session of this group for a discussion of a non-fiction history book each month, even if you have not read the book. Meetings are from 9:00–10:00 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Bethany Lounge.

September: "In the Hurricane's Eye: The Genius of George Washington and the Victory at Yorktown." by Nathaniel Philbrick. George Washington, Nathanael Greene and the French Navy combined to defeat the British.

October: "Hitler My Neighbor: Memories of a Jewish Childhood." By Edgar Feuchtwanger. How a young Jewish boy remembers Adolph Hitler, his neighbor in Munich.

We honor the memory of loved ones in the memorial gifts given

below: Date Range: 7/21/24 to 8/24/24

Donor	Fund Name	In Memory of:
Gary & Mary Ann Anderson	Memorial – Endowment	Esther Bruggemann
Murt Seltz	Memorial – Undesignated	Esther Bruggemann (Joan Volkmann’s Mother)
Debra Ahlstrom	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Robert & Kim Aliperto	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Dennis & Joanne Anderson	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Joyce Anderson	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Curt & Darlene Blegen	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
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Gary & Sue Eddy	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Arvin & Jane Gehrking	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Michael & Linda Gehrig	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
James & Lynn Hermes	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Alan & Susan Holmsten	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
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Michael Januszewski	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Mark & Karen Johnson	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Jeff & Carol Klein	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Willis & Margaret Knudsen	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Sue Krabbenhoft	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Gary Lunstad	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Michael & Roxanne McGowan	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Dorothy Molzen	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Marlys J. Nelson	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Mark & Wendy Ness	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
David & Carolyn Oliver	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Bob & Donna Quick	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Kathleen Quick	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Red & Donna Resler	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Richard & Dora Riter	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Sonja Sherburne	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Harlan & Marlene Stoehr	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Jerry & Carolyn TerEick	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Sandra Wells	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson
Jim Wentink	Memorial – Feed My Starving Children	Carl Johnson

Sunday Morning Hospitality



Serving cookies is a fun way to serve at Incarnation and everyone really appreciates it! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. We will send you instructions for serving the Thursday before you are scheduled to serve. Thank you in advance for helping!

<https://tinyurl.com/Cookies-and-Coffee>

Ken & Rosalie Grosch	Memorial – Operating	Carl Johnson
Harry Johnson	Memorial – Endowment	Carl Johnson
Dale & Vernita Kennen	Memorial – ELCA World Hunger	Carl Johnson
Gene & Mary Lou Lindholm	Memorial – Quilters	Carl Johnson
Marlys M. Nelson	Memorial – Quilters	Carl Johnson
Arlene Pontinen	Memorial – Undesignated	Carl Johnson
Larrie & Lou Ann Reese	Memorial – Undesignated	Carl Johnson
Mark & Karen Johnson	Memorial – Undesignated	Marian Johnson
Will & Carolyn Liebenow	Memorial – Ralph Reeder Food Shelf	Charles Knox
Larrie & Lou Ann Reese	Memorial – Undesignated	Roger Mattison
George & Connie Aram	Memorial – Undesignated	Frank Peterson's Brother
Jim & Carol Fruehling	Memorial – Habitat for Humanity (Holy Hammers)	Maia Pratt
Jim & Carol Collins	Memorial – Undesignated	Kathy Winchell

The list above reflects donations that were made payable (or endorsed/transferred) to Incarnation Lutheran Church in memory of someone. Memorials are applied to whatever fund the donor designates. If not designated, sometimes the family requests what fund they would like the memorials designated to.

Note: If a memorial gift is received and the check isn't written out to Incarnation Lutheran Church, it will be forwarded directly to the organization that the check was made payable to. Those memorials are typically acknowledged by the organization that receives the donation.

Among the Congregation

PUBLIC PRAYER CONCERNS: Sue Odell; Bev Stepka; Kirsten Bornus; Diane Gilbertson; Mike Branch, Mike Wielenberg & family; the Incarnation Call Committee; Brian Bergin; Kara, Jackson, Michael & Kaitlyn Genia; Jon Nelson; Kate Tollefson & family; Jan Kuhrmeyer; June Fischer; Kirsten Blaseck; Wayne Quehl; Carol Beckerleg; Gene Lindholm; Marian Ness; Lowell Odland; Linda Hudepohl; Marilee Giere's brother-in-law; Diane & Jon Iverson's sister-in-law; Joan Lindquist's brother-in-law, Lee; Katie Johnson's cousin; Sue Bernlohr's mother; Bob & Sue Lange's nephew; Lana Bergin's brother; Nicole & Troy Heller's brother-in-law; Mike Wielenberg's parents; Al and Carolyn Ek's son; Mike & Kara Johnson's friend, Jenny; Dave Deschene & Joy Burdick's friend, Neil; Kim Wielenberg's friend, Cindy; Dede Mattison's friends, Linda and Yvonne

SYMPATHY TO: Pat Nyman & family on the death of her sister; Robert Elliott & family on the death of his brother; Frank Petersen & family on the death of his brother; the family of Maia Pratt on her death; the family of Joe Stepka on his death; Joan Lindquist & family on the death of her daughter, Christina; Sally Lawless & family on the death of her mom, Carol Hedman; the family of Bev Stepka on her death.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED: Liana Marie Soderlind, daughter of Lindsey & Jordan Soderlind; and Jack Owen Schneider, son of Karla & Andrew Schneider; Lydia James Groth, daughter of Briana & Joshua Groth