The Incarnation Word

October 2026

We love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others.

We say that our identity as a community of faith is grounded in our love and service of God by loving and serving others. And I believe that's really true of our church. But it's also helpful for each of us individually to evaluate whether we prioritize loving and serving others. How do we spend our time, for instance? Do we spend it mainly doing things that benefit us like working, being with family or friends, and doing chores? Or do we set aside time for serving others through Bread from Heaven and other volunteer work that benefits the needy? And our talents and abilities. How much of our skill is spent on ourselves (earning a living, enjoying hobbies, socializing) and how much is spent caring for others? And how much of our budgets go to ourselves and our needs (food, shelter – both necessary - travel, toys); how much goes into savings; and how much goes to others (to our church's ministry and other charities)? Do we use our financial resources to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others?

Jesus wants all of us – our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength. He wants our time, our talents, and our treasure. Not because he's greedy or needy, but because he knows what's best for us. There's such peace and joy in really, deeply living out our faith. There's such peace and joy in putting others before ourselves. And Jesus wants us to experience that peace and joy. So do I.

Very soon we'll all receive our pledge forms for 2027, our chance to discern as families where we'll spend our time, talents, and treasure in service of others and God. Where we'll give our hearts, minds, souls, and strength to God.

I pray we'll all prayerfully discern how to fill out our forms. On Sunday, October 25, we'll bring them to church and lay them on the altar. We'll ask God to bless our offerings and to empower us to follow through with our promises. God wants to make a huge impact through Incarnation – through us.

God's Peace,
Jenny+

Christian Formation

Brick by Brick
9:30 Sundays

We're so grateful for this year's amazing team of teachers:

Jasmine Dorsett
Cynthia Glidden
Scott Glidden
Angharad Torres
Ben Torres
Cora Torres.

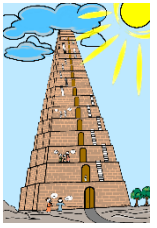
Each week the young people will read and explore a familiar Bible story before creating out of Legos what they heard God saying in that story. This month they'll experience:

Oct. 11 – Noah, the Flood, & God's Promise

I wonder how God felt about all the wickedness he saw in the world…. I wonder what the voice of God sounded like to Noah….

Oct. 18- The Tower of Babel

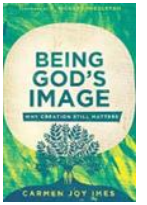
I wonder why the people wanted to build a tower with its top in the heavens… I wonder how God thought up all the different languages…



Oct. 25 – Abraham, Sarah, & the Visitors

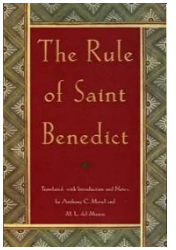
I wonder who the three visitors really were…. I wonder what the visitor thought when Sarah laughed…

Adult Ed.
9:30 Sundays



This month, we'll finish discussing *Being God's Image: Why Creation Still Matters* by Carmen Joy Imes.

Then, we will begin to read



The Rule of St. Benedict, a sixth-century book of practical precepts and spiritual guidance written by Saint Benedict of Nursia. He urges his monks (and us) to live a spiritual life through work, prayer, study, obedience, community, and simplicity. Get the book and plan to join us.

Discussions this month will focus on:

Oct. 11 – Imes: Chapters 7-10

Oct. 18 – Introducing St. Benedict

Oct. 25 – Benedict: pp. 1-41

Education for Ministry.
6pm Tuesdays

Efm has begun and is going so well! Each week we share a meal together, pray, and discuss all our various lessons for that week. Then we share pieces of our spiritual autobiographies, the moments that have impacted our relationship with Jesus. It's refreshing to be in a small group in which we can really wrestle with the challenges of living our faith.

Hospitality

Continental Breakfast
Sunday, October 4 at 9:30

Because the first Sunday of October is the day we all bring our pets to church with us, we won't try to add a covered-dish breakfast to the mayhem. But we'll put out a few muffins and things for those who come hungry.

Evangelism

National Night Out
Tuesday, October 6, 6:00-9:00pm

We'll share the love of God, the joy of bubbles, and the presence of Christ at Incarnation with our friends and neighbors at this family-friendly festival. Police and fire fighters will be there with vehicles for kids to climb on, drunk driving simulators, and maybe even canine officers to get to know. Food trucks and live entertainment will round out the evening. Want to be part of the fun? Sign up on the hallway bulletin board to take a shift staffing our tent and getting to know some wonderful people. Plus we hear Niccie may perform an interpretative dance!!

Outreach

Bread from Heaven

With grocery prices soaring, families depend on the food we provide more than ever. We're getting more and more new shoppers each month, many coming from Homeless Court and others learning of us by word of mouth.

Our schedule this month is:

Thurs, October 15
10:00 Set Up and Unload Produce

Sat, October 17
8:30 Serve our Shoppers

Please keep our hungry friends in mind when you're shopping for your family. Our needs include:

canned vegetables
canned greens
canned fish or meat
pasta
spaghetti sauce
peanut butter
macaroni and cheese

We also need items for our miscellaneous shelf and your financial donations help us purchase food to fill in the gaps.

Bishop Daniel was so impressed by the way we've let having food to distribute become our main focus, as is clear in every corner of every room and down our hallways. We really do love and serve the Lord by loving and serving others. Don't miss your chance to participate in this important ministry this month!

If you know of any sources of food we haven't connected with yet, please let Scott or Niccie know. Thanks!

Pastoral Care

Birthdays

October 5	Ellie Bird
October 9	Carol Pirkey
October 13	Max Hyde
October 14	Scott Glidden
October 30	Angharad Torres
October 31	Bob McCully

Anniversaries

October 21	Robin Childers & David Sobol
October 26	Dever and Carolyn Smith

Prayer List

Parish Prayer List:

Pam, Lily, and J.T. Cazel
Rob Hardee, friend of the Dearings

Those with Long-Term Needs:

Gail Barzee
Lauren Bridges
Kristie Camp
Billy Corbett
Michael Darnell
Hope Greene
Lynne Harkins
Ava Huss
Todd Kaderabek
Deloris Livingston
Garrett Moss
Pat Murray
Lu Nagel
Stel Parthemos
Greg Power
Jane Russell
Dever and Carolyn Smith
Ken Smith
Cathy Terrell
Kat Wampole
Linda Wilkins
Charlie Zinko

Those who have Died

Ed Cazel

Those Expecting Children:

Mary Rives and Chris Evans, family of the McCullys

Julia and Ted Moore, family of the McCully's

Flower Ministry

On weeks that our altar flowers aren't sponsored by someone, they simply die on the altar after Sunday's services. We have plenty of vases and would love to get the flowers into them and in a local hospital or nursing home. But we need your help. We need people who would be willing to arrange and deliver the flowers once a month after the 10:30 service. Please let Nancy or Jenny+ know you'd be available.

October Readings

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
October 4 St. Francis Day	Jeremiah 22:13-16	Psalm 148:7-14	Galatians 6:14-18	Matthew 11:25-30
October 11 20th Pentecost (Proper 23)	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
October 18 21st Pentecost (Proper 24)	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
October 25 22nd Pentecost (Proper 25)	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Psalm 1	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

Worship

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 4
at 8:30 and 10:30

Our annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals service is going to look very different this year. Our pets will join us for our regular Sunday morning services! We'll have a continental breakfast available that day as you and your pets are gathering – no need to bring a casserole and try to eat together. Then we'll all move into the church and find a seat with room for the whole family. The services will celebrate St. Francis, highlighting his love of all of creation and his dedication to a life of humble service.

When we come forward for Communion, our pets will join us at the rail. We'll receive the bread and wine and they'll receive a blessing and a St. Francis medal to wear on their collars.

In the spirit of St. Francis, we also want to serve others as part of this service. So bring bags of cat and dog food which we'll donate to Meals on Wheels. They'll distribute it to their patrons who want to age at home with the love of their pets there for them.

All Saints Sunday
November 1

This is the day we remember and honor those we've loved and lost. We'll read the names of deceased Incarnation members and our friends and family who've died in the past year. But we may want to honor those who've been gone more than a year. For services this day, bring a flower for each person you want to remember. There will be a time to come place them in vases at the altar to celebrate their presence in our hearts.

Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 22

This Sunday we'll pause to thank God for all our many blessings.

October Servers

Date	October 4 St. Francis Day 10:30	October 11 20th Pentecost 10:30	October 18 21st Pentecost 10:30	October 25 22nd Pentecost 10:30
Altar Guild	Sudie Gelok	Marty Marett	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick	Joette Johnson Niccie Dearing
Coffee Hr.	Joette Johnson	Marty Marett	Robin Childers	Joette Johnson
Brick by Brick	None	Cora Torres Jasmine Dorsett	Scott Glidden Cynthia Glidden	Angharad Torres Ben Torres
Greeters	Ben and Asher Torres	Noah Lindemann Gena Poovey	Ed and Lynne Harkins	Ed and Jackie Hoffman
Verger	Cynthia Glidden	Scott Glidden	Robin Childers	Ellie Bird
Dig Greet	Morgan Johnson	Ben Torres	Cora Torres	Asher Torres
Camera	Asher Torres	Ellie Bird	Angharad Torres	Ben Torres
Crucifer	Cora Torres	Asher Torres	Ellie Bird	Niccie Dearing
Euch Min	Jasmine Dorsett	Cora Torres	Robin Childers	Cynthia Glidden
1st Lector	John Gelok	Noah Lindemann	Morgan Johnson	Bobbi Albert
2nd Lector	Ben Torres	Gena Poovey	Julia Johnson	Jen Spencer
Nursery	Available	Marty Marett	Available	Angharad Torres
Chapel	Cora Torres	Angharad Torres	Morgan Johnson	Jasmine Dorsett
Interces.	Marilou Dutra	Ellie Bird	Cynthia Glidden	Ben Torres
Counters	Niccie Dearing Nancy Fowler	Ben Torres Ed Hoffman	Ellie Bird John Gelok	Marilou Dutra Joette Johnson
Flowers	Available	Torres	Childers	Glidden
Pew Racks	Asher Torres	Angharad Torres	Julia Johnson	Mimi McCully

October Calendar

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27 **18th Pentecost** 8:30 HE Rite I 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 HE Rite II	28	29 6:00 EfM	30	1	2	3
4 **St Francis Day** **Animal Blessing** 8:30 HE Rite I 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:30 HE Rite II	5	6 6:00 EfM	7 9:00 Worship Com.	8	9	10
11 **20th Pentecost** 8:30 HE Rite I 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 HE Rite II 11:45 Vestry	12	13 6:00 EfM	14 10:00 DOK	15 10:00 BfH Set-Up	16	17 8:30-12:00 Bread fr. Heaven
18 **21st Pentecost** 8:30 HE Rite I 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 HE Rite II	19	20 6:00 EfM	21	22	23	24
25 **22nd Pentecost** 8:30 HE Rite I 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 HE Rite II	26	27 6:00 EfM	28	29	30	31