



MORNING STAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS *letter*

April 2024



SANCTUARY REMODEL UPDATES



We are nearly four months into our Enlighten Remodel project and things are moving along very quickly. Framing is nearly complete with a great deal of focus currently on installing electrical components. Once the electrical installation is inspected and approved, we will begin the drywall process. The baptismal font is nearly designed, and an internal tile mosaic design is being finalized. Progress is being made on the restoration of our stained glass as well. This summer, it is our intent to invite the congregation on a tour of the exciting progress. If you have any questions about our project, don't hesitate to contact the Church Office!



Remodel Pictures & Updates at MorningStarOmaha.org/Enlighten-Remodel

Congregational
MEETING

CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY

SUNDAY
MAY 19
10 AM

THE DAY OF
PENTECOST

Join us Sunday, May 19 for Pentecost Sunday where we will confirm our students then stay for fellowship, food and a congregational meeting immediately following the service. **WEAR RED FOR PENECEST!**



May's Green Envelope

This month we support Community Alliance with our Green Envelope offerings. Community Alliance is an integrated health care organization that offers a whole-person approach, including psychiatric services, mental health, substance use counseling, primary medical care and a range of rehabilitation, employment, community supports and family and peer



Community Alliance



support. They meet individuals where they are, and work to address their specific needs. Community Alliance's quality of care has earned top-tier national accreditation scores. The hope, integrity and respect they bring to people who struggle with mental illness, and other mental health challenges, is why they are a place where recovery is a reality. Community Alliance's mission is to help individuals with mental illness achieve their unique potential to live, work, learn and contribute in a community of mutual support. Community Alliance believes in the potential of recovery for all individuals with mental illness and dedicate resources to support the journey of each individual served. Find out more at Community-Alliance.org

May's Volunteer Opportunity

For the month of May we will be collecting items that can be used by the individuals and families that Community Alliance serves. Bring your donations to the box in the fellowship hall. Your generous gift makes a real and powerful difference, whether that means helping someone to get the psychiatric or medical treatment they need, get off the street and into housing, find a job, or simply regain hope for their future. Suggested items:

- Bottles of Water
- Hand Warmers
- Blankets
- Toilet Paper
- Twin-size Bed Linens
- Bed Pillows
- Pots & Pans
- Dinnerware
- Cleaning Supplies
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Shaving Supplies
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste




Your Outreach Committee is gauging the congregation's interest in a future Morning Star Habitat build. You don't have to be a whiz with a hammer or power tool (though such skills are welcomed), just bring a willingness to be part of a team helping a vetted and committed family to realize their dream of homeownership. Find the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Pam Chelesvig at 402-850-0914 or pchelesvig@gmail.com. Remember, this is just to indicate general interest, not a commitment to a specific date/time!



Omaha New Hope Chapter DBSA

The DBSA (Depression, BiPolar Support Alliance) meets at Morning Star Thursdays at 7^{PM}. This meeting is open to anyone in need!

Alcoholics Anonymous is open to all! Groups that meet at Morning Star are:

- Tuesdays at 5:30^{PM}
- Tuesdays at 8^{PM}
- Wednesdays at 5:30^{PM} ~ Women Only



Al-Anon meets at Morning Star on Wednesdays at Noon.

Dear Friends,

Again, we thank you for your beautiful facility in which we can conduct our meetings. Your generosity and trust in us is truly appreciated! Blessings for peace, love, forgiveness, and serenity!

Tuesday Night's Lost & Found 5:30 PM AA Group

May Worship Assistants

Sunday, May 5

Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter
 Reader: Jan Zarestky
 Usher: Joel Rohde & Jim McGill
 Acolyte: Hattie & Anna Moeller
 Altar: Diane Meyer

Sunday, May 12

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg
 Reader: Kim Hawkins
 Usher: Marge Morgan & Carol Smith
 Acolyte: Addi Hawkins & Hailey Neussendorfer
 Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, May 19

Comm: Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore
 Reader: Bob Gilmore
 Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn
 Acolyte: Kate & Luke Lieske
 Altar: Lauren Gilmore

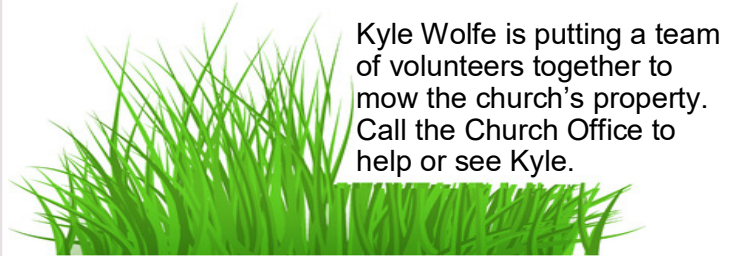
Sunday, May 26

Comm: Nick Saitta, Kyle & Arielle Wolfe
 Reader: Kyle Wolfe
 Usher: Chris Hedican & Nick Saitta
 Acolyte: Nina Lierler & Abigail Karnish
 Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish



Thank you to all who pitch in each and every week to help make worship happen! We could not do it without you! We need help to read scripture, serve communion, usher/greet and set up and tear down worship every week. Very little commitment is needed! Contact the Church Office to find out how you can help!

The Sanctuary Remodel Prayer Team meets every other Tuesday evening for prayer and meditation. Scan the QR code to submit your confidential prayer request today!



Kyle Wolfe is putting a team of volunteers together to mow the church's property. Call the Church Office to help or see Kyle.



Check out our **Little Free Library** located on the parking island next to 85th Avenue. Take a book or leave one. As always, all books are free!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides handcrafted blankets given to those that need comfort. Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made. Contact the Church Office to pick one up.



Join us Sunday, May 12 for Mother's Day where we honor all the women of Morning Star!

- Set the annual meeting date for May 19
- On schedule with construction
- Planning on a congregational lawncare team



Altar Flowers & Bulletins
 Ministry Opportunity

If you would like to be a sponsor, see the calendar in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. Thanks **Piccolo Florists** for providing our Altar Flowers at a reduced rate and thanks to **Great Harvest Grain Company** for free Communion Bread every week.

Flower Sponsors

Bulletin Sponsors

	Flower Sponsors	Bulletin Sponsors
May 5	Jan Zarestky	James & Shaila Clark Available
May 12	Rod & Cindy Anderson	Jon & Sabrina Beck Available
May 19	Susie Syx	Alan & Alyce Berk Available
May 26	Available	Available



ENLIGHTEN

the Spirit in Morning Star!



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You may complete this form and place in offering plate or turn in to the office.

I/We wish to contribute toward the ENLIGHTEN CAMPAIGN of 2024:

Name(s): _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Single Gift enclosed: \$ _____ Monthly Gift, starting: \$ _____

Please send me a Donor Agreement where I may consider a pledge for \$ _____

I would like someone from the Enlighten Committee to call me.

If you are still considering how you might participate in the Enlighten Campaign, feel free to use the above pledge cards. Thank you for your consideration!

If you're graduating this year, we want to know! Contact the Church Office to let us know where you're graduating from, what your future plans are and send us a pic if you can.

SENIOR 2024



All are invited to see Table Grace, the Musical on June 21-22 at Scottish Rite Center, 7 PM; June 27-29 at Benson Theatre, 7 PM with catering by Table Grace Cafe at 6 PM; August 8-9 at Lofte Theatre, Manley, NE, 7 PM with Mobile Grace Food Truck available at 5 PM. Tickets can be purchased at TableGracetheMusical.com.



JUNE 21-22

SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
7PM *June 22nd ASL interpreting



BENSON THEATRE

*Come early for catering! 7PM

JUNE 27-29

BENSON THEATRE



AUG 8-9

LOFTE THEATRE MANLEY

7 PM *Come early for Food Truck!

Donate to Table Grace 
nhbs.cc/donate

Tickets and info visit 
Tablegracethemusical.com



Morning Star, along with four Omaha area Lutheran churches, have joined forces for VBS with "Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God!"

**July 8th - 11th
5:15 PM to 8 PM**

at St. Timothy Lutheran Church (510 N. 93rd St.)



VBS is for children who are in PreK through the 5th Grade. Middle-High School students are welcome to participate as staff to make this a great learning experience for all. Each evening begins with a simple meal provided in the Café for all participants and their families. We'll begin Bible activities at 6 PM and rotate through story stations, craft activities, science experiments and of course games! Register now so we can have all the supplies needed and be ready for a great week together at kountze.mycokesburyvbs.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!



**SUNDAY
MAY 19
10 AM**

There is only one Hole Story lesson left this school year! Join us at 9:30 AM on May 5.



Confirmation class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Youth Room! Our last meeting for this school year is May 15th.

**OMAHA LUTHERAN
YOUNG ADULTS**

Table Theology

SUNDAY, MAY 19
6:30PM AT LOCAL PATIO AND GRILL
OmahaLutheranYoungAdults
enelcm.com



Join us for a low-key family night with hot dogs & marshmallows on the firepit in the parking lot, ginormous bowling, cornhole and playground fun on Sunday, June 23, 6 to 8 PM. Bring a side to share!

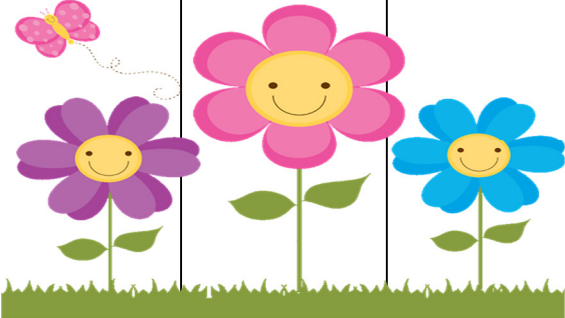





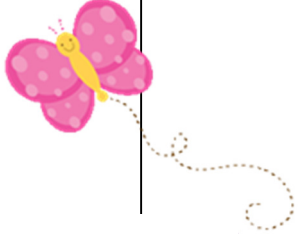


Good News from the Preschool...

- ★ The preschool held a contest for the best decorated door based on books they were currently reading. The Red Star Cubs won!
- ★ They have had so much fun during the Week of the Young Child this past month! They painted rocks for the rock garden outside the main door, had crazy hair day, made ice cream sundaes, had a bike extravaganza, and finished off the week with a Pete the Cat Science Show!
- ★ The month of May brings graduation to our Orange Star classroom on May 23 at 6:30 PM.



May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation	2 7 DBSA	3	4 9 Quilting Group 5:30 Worship
5 9:30 The Hole Story 10 Worship	6 5:30 MIF Committee 6:30 Outreach Committee	7 9:30 Staff Meeting 5 Enlighten Prayer Team Meeting 5 Exec Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	8 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation Class	9 7 DBSA	10	11 5:30 Worship
12 10 Worship 	13 6:30 Preschool's Muffins with Moms 5 Enlighten Team Meeting 6:30 Church Council	14 7 Polling Place Open 9:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2 8 Polling Place Closed	15 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation Class 	16 7 DBSA	17	18 5:30 Worship
19 10 Worship Service 11 Lunch & Congregational Mtg  	20 5:30 Faith Partners: Star of Hope	21 9:30 Staff Mtg 5 Enlighten Prayer Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	22 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 1:30 Lydia Circle 5:30 AA Women Only	23 12:30 Sarah Circle (Arboretum) 6:30 Preschool Graduation 7 DBSA	24	25 5:30 Worship
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331 S. 85th Avenue

Address Correction Requested



**The Church and Preschool
will be closed Monday, May
27 for Memorial Day!**

Prayer Requests

Rae Austin
Mike Behm
Donna Crouse
Kim Hawkins, Jr.
LouAnn Henkens
Sandy Heskett
Elaine Kemper
Neil Lindquist
Bev McCollum
Emily McWhirter
Rev. Kent Morse

Don Page
Nick Saitta
John Walter
Mary Ziska
Brian (*friend of Ande & Adam Johnson*)
Bruce (*JoAnn Wollenburg's nephew*)
Cassie (*friend of Schacht's*)
Christina (*Agneta Gaines' sister*)
Dan & Sherry (*friends of Dan & Bev Hartman*)
Dave (*brother-in-law of Maxwell's*)

Dianna (*Donna J. Walter's cousin*)
Dylan (*Hass' grandson*)
Eulish Moore (*friend of Pr. Schacht*)
Irene Bruckner (*Susie's mother*)
Jaxon (*Dawn Karnish's cousin*)
Joan (*Betty Fiddelke's sister*)
Judy Hopkins (*friend of Kathy Hawkins*)
Lonnie Mefferd (*Patsy Behm's sister*)
Mary (*Carole Langan's sister*)
Mary Lou (*family of Maxwell's*)
Nicholas (*grandson of Schacht's*)

Patti & Traci (*friend of Maxwell's*)
Phil Glassman (*friend of Patsy Behm*)
Rich Fiddelke
Rylee Koers
Sloan, Bill & Connor (*cousins of Maxwell's*)
Sue (*friend of Pam Chelesvig*)
Theo Throckmorton
Theresa (*friend of a member*)

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary in the monthly newsletter, contact the Church Office as we do not have it in our records.



May Birthdays

Susie	Bonnett	5/1	Joanne	Wise	5/12	Beckett	Duncan	5/22
Brian	Peterson	5/1	Jurene	Wegner	5/14	Carol	Smith	5/22
Rick	Jacobi	5/4	Jaime	Trummer	5/15	Charles	Scherer	5/25
Dan	Mooney	5/4	Ric	Miller	5/16	Donald	McWhirter	5/26
Colin	German	5/5	Brett	Froendt	5/17	Lynn	Blagg	5/27
Susan	Snow	5/5	Elaine	Kemper	5/18	Richard	Zahm	5/28
Bryan	Trummer	5/5	Adam	Johnson	5/19	Jaxson	Kempenar	5/29
John	Kellams	5/7	Sharon	McGrath	5/19	Emily	McWhirter	5/29
Beverly	Hartman	5/8	Royann	Hedell	5/20	Aaron	German	5/30
Christopher	Hawkins	5/8	Kenneth	Gutheil	5/21	Nathan	Hawkins	5/30
Nicholas	Shehan	5/8	Daryl	Wollenburg	5/21	James	Wurtz	5/30
Jennifer	Longley	5/9						

May Anniversaries

Gary & Sandy	Byers	5/5
Trevor & Shelby	Wulf	5/6
Josh & Shelby	Duncan	5/14
Dan & Laurel	Mooney	5/16
Dave & Marvene	Evenson	5/25
Ric & Pam	Miller	5/27
Tim & Lori	Mueller	5/31
Roger & Janice	Hass	5/31