



Bringing the Light of Christ to All Creation

MORNING STAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH



November 2019

Message from Pastor Chris

We welcome you into the Body of Christ and into the mission we share:

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative redeeming word to all the world.

The most important gift we could ever receive is our baptism. In water and God's Word we were claimed as God's children and marked with the Cross of Christ forever. God gave us this unconditional gift and it can never be taken away! There is nothing more essential to our life in God's Kingdom.

As part of the Body of Christ, we get to celebrate this every time we make a promise support the newly baptized in their new life in Christ. Indeed, one of the true blessings of congregational life is to support one another, no matter how young or old, in this new life. Whether you realize it or not, as a member of Morning Star Lutheran Church, each of us are doing exactly that in our mission together. Everyday.

Please know, when you gather for worship you are gathering as a disciple and witness to God's freely given grace given to us in water and word. Through your faith, presence, and generous stewardship, each of us are supporting an essential ministry that centers most profoundly upon the proclamation of God's promises for the baptized believer. Thank you for that!

Here's the deal. **On November 16-17, we will give thanks and celebrate the most important gift, called our baptism!** As such, I would love it if you could join us that weekend for worship! You might wonder what is so important about the occasion. The occasion is that this congregation has been actively involved in the life of over 40 newly baptized Christians in the last five years! While that might seem like just another "fun fact" for some, it is actually a very significant indicator of the effectiveness of ministry and the vitality of your congregation.

So, let's celebrate! We are inviting all of the recently baptized, most of whom are children and their parents, to attend our 10:30 worship service that day. A special brunch and program for the newly baptized will follow that service. Our Faith Formation Team is leading the charge, including giving parents of the newly baptized further baptismal teaching resources for the home. We are also giving each of the participating families a "Faith Chest" to decorate together and serve as an heirloom and reminder of God's amazing gift of grace in their lives. Thank you all for your support of this important mission.

The celebration, however, would not be complete without you! I am hoping you will attend worship that weekend (even if it is not at 10:30 AM). After all, as a member of the Body of Christ, each of us have a role in supporting one another in the amazing gift of our baptism! Each of us has a role in supporting one another in living out the daily gift of God's amazing gift of redemption and new life. It is who we are. It is our identity. As our freely given gift - baptism is the most important one we could ever receive.

Thank you for being such an important part of Morning Star and for Sharing the Light of Christ for ALL Creation! And Blessed Thanksgiving to you and yours.

Your partner in ministry,

Pastor Chris

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Worship Times

Saturday Service
Sunday Services

5:30 PM
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Prayers
Marilyn Jewett
Norma Rygg

Friends & Loved Ones of Morning Star

- Angie (friend of Dennis & Kim Moy's)
- Ben & Michelle (friends of Pam & Ric Miller)
- Bonnie & Carley (friends of Dawn & Preschool)
- Carter Schacht (family of Glenn & Ronni Schacht)
- Cindy C. (friend of Cynthia Ferris)
- David Wiley (Bridgette Robbins brother, friend of Rae Austin)
- Delmar Peetz
- Dedra (friend of the Washburn's)
- Dianna Howland (friend of Jan Zarestky)
- Dick (brother-in-law of Bonnie and Don Daubman)
- Donald, Gene, Uneva & Curtiss (Fiddelke's family)
- Jim (friend of Karen & Kim Hawkins)
- Joan (friend of the Mueller's)
- Joe, Amy & Family (brother-in-law of the Maxwell's)

- Josie, Cindy & Emma (Lynn & Royann Hedell's family)
- Julie & Leland (family & friend of the Hollander's)
- Kevin, Lee & Family (friends of the Maxwell's)
- Kimberly (Carol Smith's daughter-in-law)
- Lindsay (Janice & Roger Hass' granddaughter)
- Marie Z., Tiffy J., Kelly & Family (Hedican's family & friends)
- Patty (friend of Sandy Heskett & Bob & Nancy Sweetwood)
- Ray Thiel (Laurel Mooney's family)
- Shelley (Carol Anderson's family)
- Steve, Teresa, Jennifer, Kate & Jessica (Gloria Miller's family & friends)
- Tiffany, Jeremy & Nancy (sister & friends of Hedican's)
- Whitney, Steven & Michael (Michelle Miller's family)



On Sunday, November 17 at 10:30^{AM} we will celebrate the promise of baptism with more than 37 of those who have been baptized in the past 5 years! Join us for this special service and recognition. Those baptized, parents & children, are then invited to stay for lunch and a Faith Formation "Faith Chest" project intended to store items related to baptism and be a daily reminder of God's promises. Please RSVP to the Church Office for the luncheon.




Sunday, November 3



listen to
Sunday Worship
Services online

Blue Christmas ♦ Sunday, December 8
A Service of Remembrance & Hope

On Sunday, December 8 at 10:30^{AM} we will host our annual worship service for those who have suffered loss or have a difficult time during the holidays. Lunch will immediately follow. Please RSVP with the Church Office for the luncheon.





DBSA meets
Thursdays at
7^{PM} in the Large
Conference
Room.

Omaha New Hope Chapter DBSA



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil




Alcoholics Anonymous
Meets Tuesdays at
5:30^{PM} in the Chapel.
This group is open to
anyone in need.

LISTEN TO OR WATCH SERMONS
ONLINE



MorningStarOmaha.org

Check out the **Little Free Library** on the parking island on 85th Ave. There's books for EVERYONE!



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY.ORG
TAKE A BOOK • SHARE A BOOK



DECORATE
the Church

**Saturday,
November 30
9^{AM} - Noon**

Please consider helping! Thank you!



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 27 ♦ 6:30 PM

This special service, filled with scripture and song, is a spirit-filled worship time you won't want to miss. After the service, we will share pie, coffee and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to bring pies.



As a meditation in motion, the benefits of incorporating Tai Chi at any age into one's life can bring about well-being, peace, clarity, and awareness...especially for seniors with balance issues, and numerous other ailments, such as

depression, Parkinson's, diabetes, chronic pain, or heart conditions.

Master Frank Fong & Teacher Tina Fong are bringing softness and slowness to the Welcome Center each Wednesday at 10:30 ^{AM}. The class is adaptable to the needs of all ages, restrictions, and abilities. The cost is your love donation, openness, and fellowship. Learn how Tai Chi enables your well-being. Contact Tina at (402) 556-3568 or TinaFong@MorningStarOmaha.org.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides hand-crafted Blankets for those that need comfort. Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one. The shawls are free to all and available in the Welcome Center. Join the group

Sunday mornings as they crochet and knit over coffee and doughnuts.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Deepen your faith with your Morning Star family! We have take home devotional books in the Welcome Center or Bible studies are available online. You are welcome to join one of the weekly studies:

- Wednesdays at 9 ^{AM} (Lg Conf Rm)
- Thursdays at 1 ^{PM} (Table Grace)
- Thursdays at 2:30 ^{PM} (Narthex)



O.W.L.S.
Older Wiscr Lutherans

Monday, November 4
11:30 ^{AM}

Nate Hess, National Park Service, will be here to share with us about the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Our catered lunch is a traditional Thanksgiving feast complete with PIE! RSVP to the Church Office by Friday, November 1. Feel free to invite a friend!

Singers & Instrumentalists Needed

Do you play drums, keyboard, guitar, brass or woodwind instruments? Do you love to sing? Our Music Staff is looking for extra help this summer! Contact our Music Department at TinaFong@MorningStarOmaha.org on how you can serve!



Church Office & Preschool are closed
November 28 & 29.



Join us in honoring our Veterans, past and present, in a special celebration between services on Sunday, November 10. Services will include patriotic songs and we will honor our Veterans at a reception between services. Wear patriotic colors to show support. Thank you to all of our veterans for your service to our country!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Morning Star...a light in the heart of Omaha & Beyond

Green Envelope



This month the Green Envelope offering goes to **ELCA's World Hunger**. More than 800 million people (*11% in our world today*) are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. The ELCA is positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. At some point in 2016 (*the most recent year available*), more than 41.2 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from. Your Green Envelope offering makes a difference!



Gods Reach
Envelops Every Need

**All data from www.ELCA.org.*

JOIN THE CHOIR!

The Choir rehearses every Sunday at 8:00^{AM} and 9:30^{AM}. The beautiful pieces are sung at most 8:30 Worship Services. Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord. All are welcome!



The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursdays starting September 12 at 6:30^{PM}. Call Bev McCollum at 402-393-5553 for more information.

Women of the ELCA

The Women of Morning Star do so much behind the scenes in our congregation. From special luncheons to funeral dinners, their ministry is a vital one here. As a female member or regular attendee of Morning Star, **YOU** are included as a woman of Morning Star. Join us at one of our Bible Studies:

- The Lydia Circle meets on Tuesday, November 26 at 4:00^{PM} in the Library.
- The Sarah Circle meets Thursday, November 21 at 12:30^{PM} in the Welcome Center with your sack lunch. We are studying the book of Luke!

Stay tuned for future opportunities to minister alongside the other Women of Morning Star!

It's time to dedicate our 2019 Faith Partner Home Build! You are invited on November 26 at 10 AM to celebrate with our faith partners. The celebration will be held at King Solomon Church (3202 Evans St.).

Habitat for Humanity is pleased to announce that Francy Van Meter along with Morning Star Lutheran Church have been nominated as Habitat Omaha's Faith Partner of the Year!

The Volunteer Appreciation event is Saturday, November 9 at 5^{PM} at Baxter Arena. Congratulations to Francy and Morning Star, and Habitat for Humanity extends their thanks for being a partner and friend!

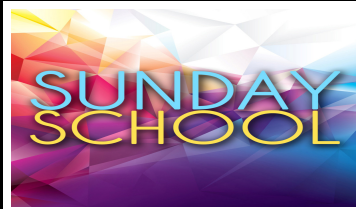
You're Invited to a Home Dedication Celebration!

Nov. 26, 2019 | King Solomon Church | 10 a.m.
3202 Evans St



Nursery Available

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30



Sundays are Bustling and Rustling this Autumn!

The Morning Star children are surrounded with opportunities to grow in faith this season! At 9:30 AM each week, the children first meet with music minister, Tina Fong, to shine a light on their own connection with God. Whether found through sacred movement, mindfulness, or singing, children come to a place of grace and fellowship kid-style!

Then our children break out into age-appropriate groups: Shari Page & Rick Jacobsen have Pre-K through 1st Grade in the Chapel; Kyle Wolfe & Andy Maxwell teach 2nd through 6th Graders in the Library. What a wonder and joy for all of these faith leaders!!

"Let us discern for ourselves what is right; let us learn together what is good." ~ Job 34:4

Preschool News

Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center



The children had such a wonderful time in October creating pumpkins, dressing up in costumes and attending the Trunk or Treat.

In November, our themes will include Health & Fitness, Exploring Our Senses, Families and being thankful. The children will create Veteran's Day cards to mail to the veterans in their family. The Rose Theater will present, "You & Me & the Land of Peas". This play features songs, riddles, puppets and audience interactions. The focus is on healthy eating and trying new things.

402-393-8215 • Preschool@MorningStarOmaha.org

Morning Star Winter Ski Retreat
February 14-17

(President's Day Weekend 2020)

Winter Park, Colorado

Two Full Days on the Mountain!

- * Snow Tubing! *
- * Fun! *
- * Great Food! *
- * Fellowship! *
- * Worship! *

Awesome cabin experience in Grand Lake, CO!!

First-time skiers are encouraged to participate!

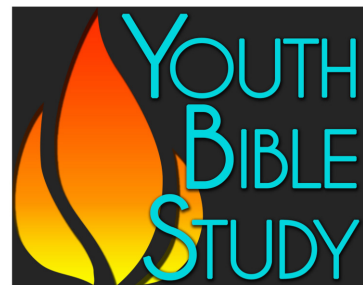
Mark your calendars + reserve your spot today!

\$100 Deposit by November 27 to sign-up
Total cost of \$799 due by February 9, 2020

Questions??? Call Pastor Chris
Parents' Meeting on
Sunday, January 26 @ 9:45 AM

Don't Miss out on this
Fantastic February Fun!!!

Youth Corner



Rod Anderson will teach a Bible study for junior/senior high students starting Sunday, October 6. They will meet in the Large Conference Room. Please check the website for more growth opportunities in your faith. You are bound to find a study group or resource to fulfill you or your families'



Attention College Students

MORNING STAR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1

PICK ONE UP TODAY!

In the office, the Welcome Center or online at
morningstaromaha.org/scholarship



MORNING STAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministry Investment Funds

November Ministry Partners

November 3

Acolytes 8:30 Samuel & Kate Lieske
 10:30 Riley Hawkins & Renny Maxwell
 Communion 8:30 Diane Konvalina, Lynn & Royann Hedell
 10:30 Ric & Pam Miller
 Greeters 8:30 Neil & Cindy Lindquist
 PowerPoint 10:30 Pam Miller
 Readers 8:30 Lynn Hedell
 10:30 Sabrina Beck
 Ushers 8:30 Bob Sweetwood, Don Daubman, Kyle
 Wolfe & Dan Hartman
 10:30 The Washburn Family
 Coffee Hosts Arielle Wolfe

November 10

Acolytes 8:30 Hope Weber & Sophie Wolfe
 10:30 Jack & Hailey Neussendorfer
 Communion 8:30 Rod & Lauren Anderson, JoAnn Wollenburg
 10:30 Bob & Stacie Neussendorfer
 Greeters 8:30 Dennis & Kim Moy
 PowerPoint 10:30 Bill Ervin
 Readers 8:30 Rod Anderson
 10:30 Bill Ervin
 Ushers 8:30 Bob Sweetwood, Don Daubman, Kyle
 Wolfe & Dan Hartman
 10:30 The Washburn Family
 Coffee Hosts Sarah Circle

November 17

Acolytes 8:30 Bei Warner & Zac Tonniges
 10:30 Claire & Jake Bonnett
 Communion 8:30 Rick Jacobsen, Donna Walter & Francy Van
 Meter
 10:30 Cynthia Ferris & Sabrina Beck
 Greeters 8:30 Daryl & JoAnn Wollenburg
 PowerPoint 10:30 Paul Worcester
 Readers 8:30 Jan Zarestky
 10:30 Cynthia Ferris
 Ushers 8:30 Bob Sweetwood, Don Daubman, Kyle
 Wolfe & Dan Hartman
 10:30 The Washburn Family
 Coffee Hosts Altar Guild

November 24

Acolytes 8:30 Owen & Hattie Moeller
 10:30 Lacey Saitta & Barrett Mooney

Communion 8:30 Cindy Lindquist, Gloria Miller & Michelle Miller
 10:30 Andy & Teggy Maxwell
 Greeters 8:30 Kyle & Arielle Wolfe
 PowerPoint 10:30 Pam Miller
 Readers 8:30 Gloria Miller
 10:30 Pam Miller
 Ushers 8:30 Bob Sweetwood, Don Daubman, Kyle
 Wolfe & Dan Hartman
 10:30 The Washburn Family
 Coffee Hosts Evangelism Committee

November 27 ~ Thanksgiving Eve Service

Acolytes 6:30 Ella & Jackson Post
 Communion 6:30 Kim Hawkins, Kyle & Arielle Wolfe
 Greeters 6:30 Gloria Miller
 Readers 6:30 Kyle Wolfe
 Ushers 6:30 Cindy & Neil Lindquist, John & Lynn Davis
 Coffee Hosts 6:30 Church Council



Join us for these
 Combined
 Worship Services
 on Sunday,
 December 22 &
 Sunday,
 December 29 at
 9:30^{AM}.

Music Ministry Together: Why I sing 'Alleluia!'

Message from our Music Staff

We sing it in times of joy! Our hallowed voices even sing it through our sorrow. Alleluia - Hallelujah, however you spell it, is such a vulnerable word to sing. It lives in the notion that there is no perfection—that this is a broken world and we live with broken hearts and broken lives but still that is no alibi for anything. And yet, it breaks us open to possibility, to promise, and to the sanctification of our journey together at Morning Star.

Thank you for all of your kind prayers and promises: for your friendship and grace. It is an honor to come and worship with you at Morning Star. May you sing the word “Alleluia” so lovingly and loud that the Lord moves you to tears!

Tina Fong & Bev McCollum
 Music Ministers,
 Working Together at Morning Star

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9-4 Preschool Class	2 9 Church Reserved (<i>Quilters</i>) 5:30 Worship
3 7:45 Blood Drive 8:00 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School, Fellowship Coffee & Choir 10:30 Worship	4 9-4 Preschool Class 11:30 OWLS 7 Outreach Comm. 7 NWFT Trailblazers	5 9-4 Preschool Class 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:45 Preschool Chapel 5:30 AA Meeting	6 9-4 Preschool Class 9 Bible Study 10:30 Tai Chi 12 Evan. Comm. 4:30 Exec Comm. 6:30 Confirmation Class	7 9-4 Preschool Class 2:30 Lay-Led Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 DBSA	8 9-4 Preschool Class	9 2 ^{PM} Church Reserved (<i>Tina Fong</i>) 5:30 ^{PM} Worship
10 8:00 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School, Fellowship Coffee & Choir 10:30 Worship	11 9-4 Preschool Class 5:30 Preschool Advisory Committee 6:30 Church Council	12 9-4 Preschool Class 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:45 Preschool Chapel 5:30 AA Meeting 5:30 Personnel Committee	13 9-4 Preschool Class 9 Bible Study 10:30 Tai Chi 6:30 Confirmation Class	14 9-4 Preschool Class 2:30 Lay-Led Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 DBSA	15 9-4 Preschool Class 	16 5:30 ^{PM} Worship
17 8:00 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School, Fellowship Coffee & Choir 10:30 Celebration of Baptism Service 11:30 Baptism Luncheon	18 9-4 Preschool Class 6 Worship & Music	19 9-4 Preschool Class 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:45 Preschool Chapel 5:30 Personnel Com 5:30 AA Meeting	20 9-4 Preschool Class 9 Bible Study 10:30 Tai Chi 6:30 Confirmation Class	21 9-4 Preschool Class 12:30 Sarah Circle 2:30 Lay-Led Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 DBSA	22 9-4 Preschool Class 7 Church Reserved (<i>Tina Fong</i>)	23 3 Church Reserved (<i>Angie H.</i>) 5:30 ^{PM} Worship
Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences ~ 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM in the Library						
24 8:00 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School, Fellowship Coffee & Choir 10:30 Worship	25 9-4 Preschool Class	26 9-4 Preschool Class 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:45 Preschool Chapel 4 Lydia Circle 5:30 AA Meeting	27 9-4 Preschool Class 9 Bible Study 10:30 Tai Chi 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Supper 	28  Church Office & Preschool Closed	29 Church Office & Preschool Closed	30 9 Christmas Decorating Day 5:30 ^{PM} Worship 



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Address Correction Requested



Thank you all for the altar flowers. They are beautiful! It is nice getting to see Ruth! -Millie Rusek

Thank you to everyone for making Trunk or Treat a fun night for all! -Outreach Committee

Thank you for inviting me to speak to your OWLS group on October 7. I truly enjoyed visiting with you and sharing more about what's happening at Omaha Public Library! Thank you also for treating me to lunch. I could not have asked for better company on such a beautiful day! -Emily Getzschman, Omaha Public Library

Many thank you's to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. As a prayer shawl recipient, the love and blessings, and warmth, I felt God's hugs all the time. Thank you! -Becky Bruckner

Thank you for your Green Envelope donations in September toward the ongoing work of Table Grace. We very much appreciate your continued partnership and support of the mission outreach of Table Grace. -Simone & Matt Weber

~flowers & bulletins~

Thanks for your generosity with the altar flowers and bulletins. If you would like to sponsor them, see the calendar in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. Thanks **Great Harvest Bread Company** for providing communion bread **free** each week and thanks **Piccolo Florists** for providing our Altar Flowers at a discount.

Flower Sponsors

Bulletin Sponsors

	Flower Sponsors		Bulletin Sponsors
November 3	Gloria Miller	Gloria Miller	Sandy Heskett
November 10	Rod & Cindy Anderson	Available	Available
November 17	Roger & Janice Hass	Delores Albanese	Available
November 24	Francy Van Meter	Francy Van Meter	Dennis & Kim Moy