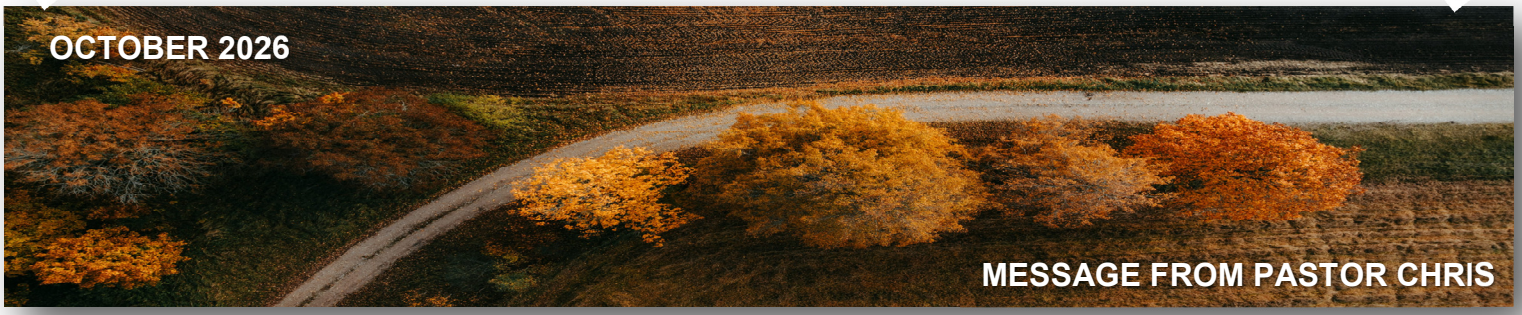
MORNING STAR LUTHERAN CHURCH



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs. ***~Matthew 19:14***

Dear Members and Friends of Morning Star:

One of my favorite parts of worship is inviting our children forward for the Children's Message. It is fun watching them pop out of their seats and race down the aisle to gather on the chancel steps. They come forward with eagerness, curiosity, and joy. And the more children there are, the merrier those moments seem to be!

As I think about the stewardship of our church, I can't help but think of all of us as God's children—learning, growing, serving, and worshiping in the welcoming arms of Jesus. How pleased God must be when we gather with that same eagerness, curiosity, and joy. And how pleased God must be when we seek to grow Christ's ministry through the generous sharing of our time, talent, and treasure.

Jesus never turned a child away. He welcomed them into his arms and insisted that others make room for them as well. He proclaimed that such welcome reflects the kingdom of heaven. It must also be the way of the church.

Your financial gifts help Morning Star continue to welcome people into a community where they can experience the Good News of Jesus' love in meaningful and tangible ways.

Each year at this time, we pause to reflect on what God is doing in the life of our congregation—and God is active among us in so many ways.

Lutheran Family Services is preparing to move into our lower level and establish a Family Resource Center serving the Omaha community. This burgeoning partnership with LFS will allow us to expand our ministry of hope and healing, including access to mental health resources right here in our building.

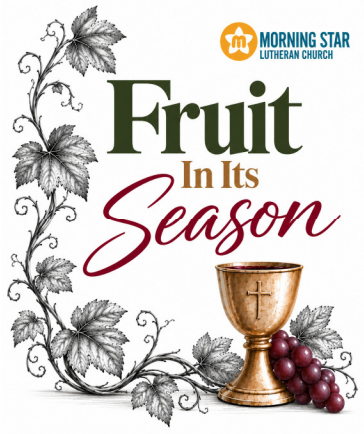
Our Outreach Team continues to create opportunities to serve our neighbors, including the development of a community garden that will provide fresh produce to those in need. Our high school youth are preparing to attend the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Our music ministry continues to grow through seasonal community concerts, and we are beginning to develop a speaker series addressing topics of local interest, faith, and social justice.

Our campus provides a place for mothers to gather in prayer and for prison inmates to worship alongside their families. We are exploring new ways to offer addiction recovery resources to the community. And once again, we are helping provide Thanksgiving meals for local families who might otherwise go without.

All these ministries happen because of you.

Your gifts and offerings matter. Your generosity helps Morning Star remain a place of hope and healing for all. Together, we are building disciples, strengthening our ministry, serving our neighbors, and welcoming all of God's children to experience the love of Jesus.

Thank you for helping us share the Gospel in these important ways.



As we look toward 2027, I invite you to prayerfully consider your financial support of our ministry together. Enclosed is a **2027 Plan for Giving** commitment card. Praying about your gifts, completing the card, and returning it during worship on **Sunday, October 25** is one meaningful way of expressing gratitude for all the ways God is at work through Morning Star.

I also invite you to RSVP for our annual **Celebration Luncheon** following worship that day. The luncheon is free, and all are welcome! Please us the QR code inside to RSVP or email or call the Church Office.

Thank you again for the many ways you and your family support the ministries of Morning Star. Together, as beloved children of God, we are helping create a church where others are welcomed, loved, served, and reminded that they too belong in the arms of Christ.

Your Partner in Ministry,

Pr. Chris

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

October Green Envelope

Our Green Envelope offering for October continues for Food for Friends, a Morning Star original outreach event where we provide people working to make ends meet with a complete Thanksgiving meal, turkey included! This outreach has continued to grow over the years. Last year we handed out around 160 meals. Thank you for helping to make the difference in the lives of people in Omaha!







Photos from God's Work, Our Hands Sunday










An Afternoon with Joe Starita



Installation of 2026-2027 Church Council





Honoring Donna M. Walter's 50 years of Ministry





Morning Star Lutheran Church is excited to welcome **Lutheran Family Services (LFS)** into our building as they develop a Family Resource Center. The space will bring a variety of services and supports together in one location for children and families including foster-care support, fatherhood services, Family Wraparound, Parents as Teachers, children's therapy, peer support, and other resources for families. The facility will also host educational workshops, training classes, and support groups for foster youth, adoptive families, post-adoption parents, and teens. By bringing these services together, families can access coordinated support without having to navigate multiple locations. The goal is to provide a welcoming, trauma-informed, strength-based environment that builds resilience and strengthens families.

For Morning Star, this is an exciting extension of our commitment to being a place of hope, help, and healing—not only on Sunday mornings, but throughout the week. We are grateful for the opportunity to share our building with an organization doing such important work in our community.



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WELLNESS RECOVERY ACTION PLAN
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WRAP Classes

WRAP, The Wellness Recovery Action Plan, classes are here at Morning Star on Wednesdays at 7 PM. WRAP is a structured approach to mental health and wellness that empowers individuals to take control of their recovery journey. It provides tools and strategies to manage stress, improve well-being, and build resilience through personalized plans. WRAP is rooted in self-advocacy, self-awareness, and a commitment to achieving long-term wellness. Contact Kyle Wolfe for more information about WRAP or Star of Hope.

STAR OF HOPE

Join the Star of Hope meetings on the third Wednesday of every month!

ALTAR FLOWERS

	Flower Sponsors		Bulletin Sponsors
DATE	**FLOWERS**	**FLOWERS**	**BULLETINS**
Oct 4	James & Shaila Clark	***Available***	***Available***
Oct 11	Daryl & JoAnn Wollenburg	Daryl & JoAnn Wollenburg	***Available***
Oct 18	Jack & Joyce Green	Jack & Joyce Green	***Available***
Oct 25	Gloria Miller	Gloria Miller	***Available***

The cost of the Altar Flowers is $45 per arrangement. Bulletin sponsorships are $30 per week. Contact the Church Office to sponsor. Thank you for continuing to sponsor the beautiful flowers that adorn our altar.



ELCA Youth Gathering
June 28-July 2

Hey Senior High Youth & Parents! Morning Star is taking youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer. Pastor Chris will host an informational meeting on Sunday, October 18 after worship. Cost savings if you register by November 11!

Faith Formation

Join us for special Faith Formation classes/activities on Sundays, October 11 & 18 immediately following worship!

Confirmation

Confirmation Class meets on a regular schedule on Sundays immediately after worship. If you aren't signed up for this year's Confirmation class, contact Pastor Chris or the Church Office.

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, October 4
Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter
Reader: Donna Walter
Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn
Acolyte: Luke Lieske & Grace Petrson
Altar: Bev Hartman

Sunday, October 11
Comm: Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore
Reader: Rod Anderson
Usher: Mark Carnevalo & Dean Mathisen
Acolyte: Nina & Michael Lierler
Altar: Lauren Gilmore

Sunday, October 18
Comm: Mark Carnevalo, Dave & Lynn Blagg
Reader: Dave Blagg
Usher: Chris Hedican & Jim McGill
Acolyte: Zach & Josh Bowman
Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, October 25
Comm: Dana Wiebers, Kim & Amy Hawkins
Reader: Kim Hawkins
Usher: Brian & Tarah Peterson
Acolyte: Addi Hawkins & Brynn Wiebers
Altar: Diane Meyer



OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 3rd. We will meet for fellowship at 12:30 PM in the large conference room. Bring a sack lunch. Donna Walter will have a presentation. Coffee will be available. See you there!



Community Garden

Many skills are still needed to assist with gardening, planting, harvesting, planning, education, grant writing, and outreach. Interested but can't make the meetings? Please contact an Outreach member or e-mail Donna J Walter at djwalter@cox.net.



COUNCIL highlights

Council Highlights

1. We approved new members
2. Restarting Worship and Music
3. Honoring Donna Walter's 50yrs of service

THANKS

Thank you to our Morning Star congregation for supporting the ELCA Good Gifts green envelope to stock health clinics. We raised $2,692 -- **36 weeks of supplies**! Thanks to all the individuals and the following groups that responded to the challenge including Wednesday Bible Study, Quilting Team, and Lydia Circle. Thank you for letting the light of Christ shine globally!



Sunday, October 25 ~ 11:15 AM
(following worship)

Please RSVP today with the Church Office so we can get an accurate number to the caterer. Contact us at 402-393-5553 or Office@MorningStarOmaha.org.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry has handcrafted blankets given to those that need comfort with peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made.



We ALWAYS need help with Communion, scripture reading, ushering and serving coffee & donuts. Contact the Church Office to find out how you can help!



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!

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				**1** 7 DBSA	**2**	**3** 9 Quilting Group 5:30 Worship
4 10 Worship	**5** 6 Outreach Committee Meeting	**6** 10 Staff Meeting 12:30 OWLS 5 Exec Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	**7** 10 Bible Study 12 Al Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 7 WRAP Class	**8** 7 DBSA	**9** 9 Moms in Prayer	**10** 5:30 Worship
11 10 Worship 11:30 Confirmation	**12** 6 Church Council	**13** 10 Staff Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	**14** 10 Bible Study 12 Al Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 7 WRAP Class	**15** 7 DBSA	**16**	**17** 5:30 Worship
18 10 Worship 11:30 Confirmation	**19**	**20** 10 Staff Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	**21** 10 Bible Study 12 Al Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 5:30 Star of Hope Meeting 7 WRAP Class	**22** 12:30 Sarah Circle 1:30 Lydia Circle 7 DBSA	**23** 9 Moms in Prayer	**24** 5:30 Worship
25 10 Worship 11:15 Reformation Celebration Luncheon 	**26**	**27** 10 Staff Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	**28** 10 Bible Study 12 Al Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 7 WRAP Class	**29** 5:30 Trunk or Treat 	**30**	**31** 5:30 Worship 

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Address Correction Requested

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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. Thanks!

Birthdays

Emerson	Turner	10/01	Todd	Pickering	10/15	Betty	Williams	10/21
Tim	Wahl	10/03	Callum	Vande Berg	10/15	Steve	Krohn	10/22
Janice	Hass	10/05	Klein	Placzek	10/16	Jeremy	Groen	10/25
Zach	Bowman	10/07	Erik	Jensen	10/17	Shelby	Duncan	10/28
JoAnn	Wollenburg	10/08	Asta	Jensen	10/18	Mark	Carnevalo	10/30
Abby	Wolfe	10/10	Rubye	Davie	10/19	Cooper	Corbett	10/30
Madison	Wolfe	10/10	Auggie	Groen	10/20	Andy	Maxwell	10/31
Tom	Hysack	10/13	Rae	Austin	10/21			

Anniversaries

Bert & Rhonda	Wise	10/11
Robert & Gina	Ladd	10/22
Jack & Joyce	Green	10/24
Evan & Meagan	Riley	10/25
Jeremy & Kaylie	Ring	10/26





Worship Times
Saturday Worship
5:30 PM
Sunday Worship
10:00 AM
Coffee Fellowship
11:15 AM

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
8 AM - 4 PM
Fridays
8 AM - 12 Noon
Closed Major Holidays

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