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May 2022 Newsletter

EASTER



2022



Thank you so much for your easter egg and candy donations. The easter egg hunt was a great success.
~ Greta & Faith Formation



Morning Star's Annual Business Meeting is Sunday, May 22 at 11 AM.

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If you would like to be a sponsor, see the calendar in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. Thanks **Piccolo Florists** for bringing our Altar Flowers. Thanks to **Great Harvest Grain Company** for Communion Bread.

	Flower Sponsors		Bulletin Sponsors
May 1	Available	Available	Available
May 8	Rod & Cindy Anderson	John & Diane Konvalina	Neil & Cindy Lindquist
May 15	Available	Available	Available
May 22	Jan Zarestky	Available	Available
May 29	Joyce Kochen	James & Shaila Clark	Available

The need for worship assistants has increased! If you would like to help usher, serve communion or read the week's scripture, please contact the Church Office. No experience necessary!



Worship Assistants for May

Date	Communion Assistant	Communion Assistant	Reader	Greeter/Usher
May 1	Greta Carlson	Donna J. Walter	Donna J. Walter	Dan & Laurel Mooney
May 8	Lauren Gilmore	Bob Gilmore	Lauren Gilmore	John & Lynn Davis
May 15	Kyle Wolfe	Arielle Wolfe	Jan Zarestky	Joel Rohde & Terri Micheels
May 22	Rod Anderson	Rodney Anderson	Rod Anderson	Bob & Lauren Gilmore
May 29	Diane Konvalina	Susie Syx	Gloria Miller	Chris Hedican & Jim McGill



Congratulations and blessings to **Auggie Philip Groen** upon receiving the sacrament of Baptism on April 3. Welcome him into the Lord's family. Congratulations to Jeremy & Jennifer Groen, parents.



Congratulations to Whitney & Jared Baker on the birth of their daughter, Willa, who was born on March 21!

- Approval of update Morning Star Wedding Policy
- Approval of date and time for Annual Meeting on May 22nd at 11:00 AM.
- Nomination of Todd Washburn and Luke Beck to serve on Council for the next term.

Council Highlights & CELEBRATION

Missions and Outreach

Bringing the Light of Christ to ALL Creation

Green Envelope

Our Green Envelope focus for May continues with the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response's focus on Eastern Europe. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured. Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis by providing immediate supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Donate through your regular Green Envelope offering or you can go directly to the website above.



Worship, Concert & Table Grace Food Truck

Join us for worship at 10 AM featuring special music by Matt and Josie Minikus. Then stay for brunch from Mobile Grace Food Truck (11 AM-12:30 PM). Free will donation at the truck will go to support the work of Table Grace Ministries! The concert is at 12:30 PM featuring Simone and Matt Weber, Matt and Josie Minikus! A free will offering will be received during the concert to support both Table Grace Ministries and Matt and Josie Minikus music. More info at www.mattandjosieminikus.com. Matt is the nephew of Morning Star's Patsy Behm.



TABLE GRACE
C A F E
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

COFFEE WITH GRETA

Sunday, May 22
2-4pm

Scooters on 78 and Cass
Friends welcome

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Hey youth! We are starting acolytes back up and would love to have you join us. Training is on Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 AM.

NURSERY
Workers Needed

Nursery Attendant Needed!

Morning Star is looking for nursery workers during our weekly Sunday morning worship. Attendants will staff the nursery from 9:45 to 11:15 in our preschool's Green Star room and Fellowship Hall area. Attendants must have a background check. Pay is \$30 per session. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact Pr. Chris Hawkins directly at pastorhawkins@morningstarmaha.org.

FORTNITE

Single Player Tournament

Pictures from our recent game night with the youth!



Congratulations to this year's Winstrom Youth Service Scholarship Recipients:

- Riley Hawkins**
- Gabrielle Misunias**
- Barrett Mooney**
- Campbell Mooney**
- Mason Rue**
- Lacy Saitta**
- Olivia Washburn**

Scholarship Awards Sunday is June 12!

Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center



The Preschool is so excited to be starting up in-person events again. In May we will have our Muffins for Moms breakfast so Moms can come share breakfast with their children. Our Orange Star graduation is the next event and then our Mayfest Carnival with games and fun for the families of the preschool. We will also have Master Gardeners from the church come and help the children plant the gardens on the playground.

Starting the first week in May we will have eggs and an incubator for our "Look Who's Hatching" program. Children will guess what they think will hatch from the eggs and make a lot of observations about the eggs and what hatches from them throughout May. Let's hope we don't get any dinosaur eggs, although the children would be thrilled!



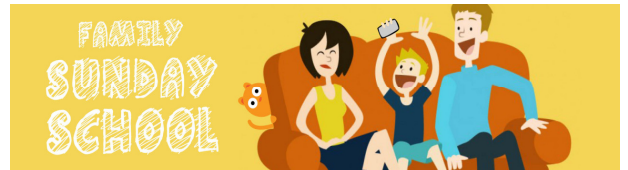
In honor of National Donut Day & Pentecost, the youth will be hosting our Fellowship Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, June 5th. Donations for the Youth Summer Trip are welcomed! Youth please come help set up, serve and clean up that day.



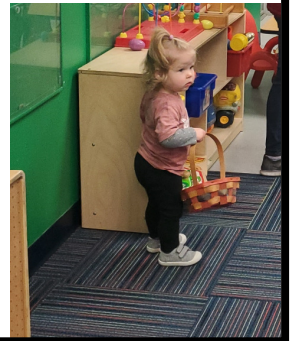
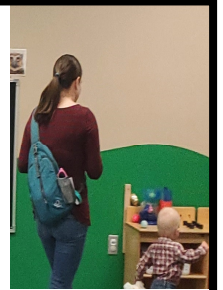
Carol Joy's summer camp has programs for ages K-12th grade. Talk to Greta about a Morning Star group outing or for info about the camp. A \$50 Morning Star discount is available.!



Vacation Bible School
June 13-17
5:30- 8 PM
Dinner included!



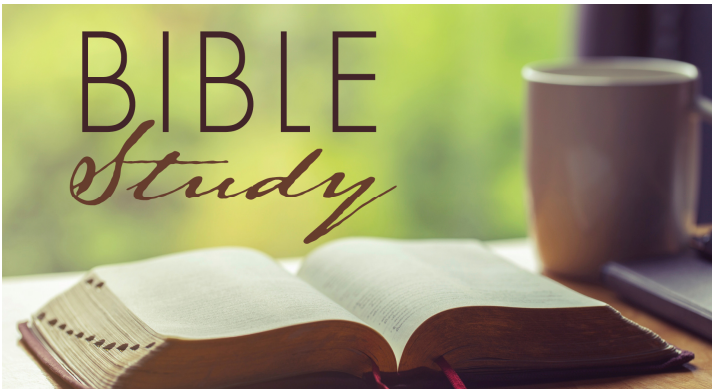
Come to the last Family Sunday School for the school year! The **WHOLE FAMILY** is invited for food & fun! See you Sunday, May 15 at 9^{AM}.



The youth had a blast at the trampoline park with the St. Tim's youth group!

YOUTH EVENT





Join Bible study Wednesdays at 10^{AM}. Contact the Church Office if you need a devotion booklets mailed to you.



Video streaming continues to be available on Facebook at 10^{AM} or shortly after on our website www.MorningStarOmaha.org.

Home Communion kits are available for contactless pick up anytime by contacting the Church Office.



Dear Friends at Morning Star,

It was wonderful to see old friends at our Easter Service. Susan and I want to thank all for the cards and the prayers. We have been blessed by good news.

Thank you,
Nancy Darst



VOLUN-THURSDAY

Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry in Omaha, known by students as "NeMO", will be making tied fleece blankets to share with those in need of warmth and comfort. Our students make these each year, and have been donating them to Youth Emergency Services. If you would like to help, we will be meeting in Morning Star Lutheran Church's Gathering Space on "Volun-Thursdays," May 19 from 4 - 6 PM.



May Anniversaries

Chris & Cindy Hedican	5/1
Gary & Sandy Byers	5/5
Josh & Shelby Duncan	5/14
Dan & Laurel Mooney	5/16
Dave & Marvene Evenson	5/25
Ric & Pam Miller	5/27
Roger & Janice Hass	5/31
Tim & Lori Mueller	5/31

May Birthdays

Lynn Blagg	5/27	Jaxson Kempenar	5/29
Susie Bonnett	5/1	Elaine Kemper	5/18
Beckett Duncan	5/22	Jennifer Longley	5/9
Amber Froendt	5/23	Sharon McGrath	5/19
Brett Froendt	5/17	Emily McWhirter	5/29
Aaron German	5/30	Donald McWhirter	5/26
Colin German	5/5	Ric Miller	5/16
Kenneth Gutheil	5/21	Dan Mooney	5/4
Beverly Hartman	5/8	Robert Neussendorfer	5/17
Janice Hass		Brian Peterson	5/1
Christopher Hawkins	5/8	Charles Scherer	5/25
Nathan Hawkins	5/30	Carol Smith	5/22
Royann Hedell	5/20	Susan Snow	5/5
Cindy Hedican	5/3	Ethan Vanek	5/30
Tyberius Hull	5/22	Jurene Wegner	5/14
Adam Johnson	5/19	Daryl Wollenburg	5/21
John Kellams	5/7	Richard Zahm	5/28



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 10 Worship	2 6 NWFT Trailblazers 6:30 Exec Team Meeting 7 Outreach Committee Meeting	3 9:30 Staff Meeting 1:30 MIF Meeting 5:30 AA Meeting 1 6 MIF Meeting 8 AA Meeting 2	4 10 Bible Study 12 AI-Anon Meeting 4 Organ Rehearsal 6:30 Confirmation 	5 5 Wedding Rehearsal 7 DBSA 	6 4:30 Wolfe/Wulf Wedding	7 9 Quilting Group 5:30 Worship	
8 10 Worship  	9 6:30 Church Council Meeting	10 8 Polling Center Opens 9:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 AA Meeting 1 6:30 Preschool In-Service 8 AA Meeting 2 	11 10 Bible Study 12 AI-Anon Meeting 4:30 Orange Star Graduation 1 6:30 Confirmation	12 4:30 Orange Star Graduation 2 6:30 Preschool In-Service 7 DBSA	13 12 Table Grace Rehearsal	14 Confirmation Retreat at Carol Joy Holling 5:30 Worship	
15 9 Family Sunday School 10 Worship 11:30 Acolyte Training 11:30 Table Grace Food Truck 12:30 Weber/Minikus Concert	16 	17 9:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 AA Meeting 1 5:30 Personnel Committee Meeting 8 AA Meeting 2	18 10 Bible Study 12 AI-Anon Meeting 4 Organ Rehearsal 6:30 Confirmation	19 4 NEMO Volunteer Event 4:45 Faith Partner's Meeting 7 DBSA	20 5 Preschool's Mayfest	21 5:30 Worship	
22 10 Worship 11 Annual Business Meeting 2 Coffee with Greta 	23	24 9:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 AA Meeting 1 8 AA Meeting 2	25 10 Bible Study 12 AI-Anon Meeting	26 12:30 Sarah Circle 7 DBSA	27	28 5:30 Worship	
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Address Correction Requested



Prayers

- Rae Austin
- Nancy Darst
- Lowell Gratopp
- Janice Hass
- Deb Hysack
- Betty Kellams
- Virgene Kobold
- Eunice Levisay
- Bev McCollum
- Jan Zarestky
- Angie (friend of the Moy's)

- Ashley Summers (Ann D.'s daughter)
- Bob & Karen (Gloria Miller's cousins)
- Dave Hass
- Duane (Daryl Wollenburg's brother)
- Eileen & Ken (friends of the Wollenburg's)
- George Zakaras (Amy Hawkins' dad)
- Harold (Pam Miller's dad)
- Jayson Grieco's Family (friend of Tim Hass)
- Korrie Hall (granddaughter of Don & Emily McWhirter)
- Kitty (friend of John & Donna Walter)
- McKay Family (friend of the Moy's)
- Megan (Betty Williams' daughter)
- Polly, Steve & Karlee (Patsy Behm's sister & family)
- Shelley Anderson (Carol Anderson's daughter)
- Sherry (Bev Hartman's friend)
- Susan Darst Williams (Nancy Darst's daughter)
- Susan (friend of Cindy Anderson)
- Terry (friend of Judy Hollander)
- Tim Jensen (Erik's father)
- Todd Koers (son of Wally Koers)



Just a reminder that Morning Star is a polling center. The church Gathering Space will be occupied on Tuesday, May 10 from 8 AM to 8 PM.



Sunday, May 8