



Bringing the Light of Christ to All Creation

MORNING STAR LUTHERAN CHURCH



July 2019

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 8 - 12, 2019
Monday - Friday
9:00^{AM} to 11:30^{AM}

Register TODAY at
MorningStarOmaha.org!



At ROAR, kids discover that God is good even when life get wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats and experience wild Bible adventures! Plus, students will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Safari Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

ROAR VBS is for children from 3 years old to 6th grade and will run from 9^{AM} to 11:30^{AM} each day. For more information, call 402-393-5553.

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Worship Times

Saturday Service 5:30^{PM}
Summer Sunday Service 9:30^{AM}

FROM PASTOR GLENN

Pastoral Care & Spiritual Guidance



It has been some time since we updated you concerning the progress being made by the Kawajazahda family (the refugee family from Afghanistan with whom Morning Star has been involved in their efforts to resettle here in the United States).

First of all, a big thank you goes out to Franci Van Meter, Donna Walter and Ronni Schacht for the leadership they have given to Morning Star's efforts to help the family. Gratitude also goes out to Betty Fiddelke, Lynn Blagg, Margie Bross, Bev Hartman, Susan Beeghly and Teggy Maxwell for the assistance they have provided in providing transportation. Further gratitude to all of you who offered prayers and material support for the family.

Mohammed, the father, is an employee of Wal-Mart, working the early morning shift with the same loyalty he showed as a translator for the U.S. military in Afghanistan. Muzghan, the mother, and her young son attend ESL (English as a Second Language) classes through Omaha Public Schools. Muzghan is enjoying these and has made remarkable progress as she has already advanced a level. The three daughters all love attending a local elementary school and are enjoying making new friends. The family particularly enjoys feeling safe in their new home. The Kawajazahda's have been attending worship in their mosque. I am proud of this congregation for showing your Christian love and support for people of the Muslim faith.

As we move forward with this ministry I would ask that you would keep the Kawajazahda family in your prayers and support them in other ways as needed.

God's Peace,
Pastor Glenn



Morning Star's Refugee Program



Prayer Shawl ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides hand-crafted blankets to give to those that need comfort. Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made.

The shawls are available in the Welcome Center. Feel free to take one. Sunday mornings you can find a small group crocheting and knitting over coffee and doughnuts. Please join us!



SINGLE SERVICE SUNDAYS SUMMER 2019

JULY	7th	Patriotic Sunday <small>Patriotic Music and Decorations</small>
	14th	VBS Sunday <small>Simone Weber and VBS students share music Salute to Camping and S'mores</small>
	21st	Folk 1.0 Sunday <small>Folk Music provided during Worship Traditional Ice Cream Social</small>
	28th	Pulpit Exchange <small>National Chocolate Day, free chocolate Brunch Served, donate to Flood Victims</small>
AUG	4th	Folk 2.0 Sunday <small>Folk Music provided during Worship National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day</small>
	11th	Table Grace <small>Simone & Matt Weber Worship & Food Truck Women of Morning Star Style Show</small>
	18th	Pr. Chris Returns <small>Come welcome back Pastor Chris and Family from Sabbatical</small>
	25th	Gospel Sunday <small>Gospel Music provided during Worship National Banana Split Sunday</small>
	1st	Labor Day Weekend
SEP	8th	God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Sunday Services
9:30 am



It has been three months since the bomb cyclone hit with its blizzards and floods. A person in Fremont shared, "Some people think disaster work is

done." Disaster work isn't done, but it has changed to long-term disaster recovery work that will be going on for four to five more years.

Recovery groups within the Nebraska Synod are at various stages of formation. These volunteer teams are working together in several Nebraska counties. If you or someone you know feels called to support a long-term recovery group with time, talents, or financially, please contact Lisa Kramme with the Nebraska Synod at 402-896-5311.

Women of the ELCA



The Women of Morning Star cordially invite you to a Fashion Show featuring

Fall Fashions from Chico's along with a luncheon on Sunday, August 11, 11^{AM} in the Fellowship Hall.

See Jan Zarestky or Marguerite McGill for information.

Church Council HIGHLIGHTS

1. Council had the privilege of voting to approve the following new members of the Morning Star family. Please join us in welcoming these new members to Morning Star on June 16!

*Tyler & Ciprianna Engel (Ruby)
Bob Gilmore*

*Dawn & Tim Karnish (Abigail)
John & Jenna Placzek (Fletcher & Watson)*

*Jeremy & Kaylie Ring (Laura)
Dianne Saitta-Misiunas*

*Matt & Katie Scherer (Lillian & Charles)
Jesse & Kylie Warboy (Madison)*

- Members agreed to pursue an Immanuel Foundation grant to fund new signage that would better direct visitors to enter through our beautiful Narthex/Welcoming Center.
- Each Council Member agreed to serve on one or more Committee(s). We encourage you to join us on a Committee to support our worship and our service to those in need.

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 Bev McCollum or Tina Fong for more information on how you can serve!



Morning Star's Music Ministry

This month features many wonderful music opportunities. Come early on Sunday, July 7 to hear a patriotic organ duet with Bev McCollum & Peggy Wolverton to be played during the prelude. The rest of the service will be a salute to patriotism!

Sunday, July 14 will feature our VBS students and Simone Weber sharing the great songs they learned that week! Sunday, July 21 our music staff and volunteers will feature the first of not one, but **TWO** Folk Music Sundays!

"Matthew 18:3 says, "Become like little children" and Psalm 100:1 instructs the living to make music joyfully! Create heaven here on earth. Bring your friends and family to a new faith adventure and rebirth! Rejoice in your blessings! Cry out your sorrows!

Morning Star Music Ministry is happy to hear you sing and the children whose lives we nurture and bring to our community of fellowship, seekers, and shakers! See you Sundays at 9:30 AM with bells on!"

In Spirit and Song,
Beverly McCollum and Tina Fong



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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

Green Envelope

Our Green Envelope offering for this month goes to New Visions Homeless Services and their Veterans Transitional Living Program.

Their two year transitional living program is designed to help veterans get back on their feet while aiding in their recovery from trauma, PTSD, financial loss, relationship issues, and general life problems of any kind. The 26 unit complex comes as single bedroom apartments complete with everything a resident needs. Working with Veteran's Affairs, each vet is able to work on their life without distractions at New Visions.

Thank you for helping this amazing program!



*Gods Reach
Envelops Every Need*



SCHOOL SUPPLY

& BACKPACK DRIVE

Service Project

Our service project for July is to partner with the Boys & Girls Westside Club in providing school supplies for children in need. Bring any of the following to the church by August 1:

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| # 2 Pencils | Pencil boxes | Fiskars Student Scissors | Book Bags (4 th -6 th grades) |
| Crayola Crayons | Folders | Highlighters | Book Bags (teens) |
| Crayola Markers | Notebooks | Pens (Blue and Black) | Trapper Keepers |
| Crayola Watercolor Paint | Water bottles | Colored Pencils | Binders |
| Glue Sticks | Sharpies | Book bags (1 st -3 rd grades) | |



***"God's work. Our hands." is
Sunday, September 8, 2019.***

This ELCA-wide day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Opportunities at Morning Star will include:

- Landscaping Clean Up
- Storage Room Clean Up
- Waxing Pews & Altar Cleaning
- Preschool Playground Clean Up
- Stuff-a-Sock for Homeless
- Scatter Joy Acre Help
- Help at Habitat for Humanity Build

Kids & YOUTH

Our Nursery has trained teachers with background checks that are available each Sunday to watch your children under 5 during Worship at no charge! Come downstairs or see an usher!



Preschool News

Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center

402-393-8215 • Preschool@MorningStarOmaha.org

Summer is in full swing! A Master Gardener helped the children plant herbs, vegetables, pumpkins and gourds. Two Master Gardeners, Morning Star members Francy Van Meter and Cindy Anderson, are now coming each week to help children learn to take care of the garden by mulching, watering and weeding. They will also be teaching them about the different characteristics of the plants.

The children are excited about the upcoming Vacation Bible School and the **Bubble Show by Dr. Oxygen** happening that week.

A highlight of July is a visit from the Ice Cream Truck planned on National Ice Cream Day. We will also have Shadow Dancing Day.

Remember, you can always volunteer at the Preschool! Give us a call to find out how you can play a vital role in this ministry.



Habitat Faith Build Kick Off

The kick off was held June 8 with our own Francy Van Meter in attendance.

Francine & family, 2007 refugees from Burundi, are the recipients of our home build this year. They will be working alongside you as they contribute sweat equity into their home. Thrivent will match up to 50% of what the Faith Coalition contributes. We, along with 15 other houses of faith, have committed to \$70,000 in funds toward this build. Thank you for your contribution to help reach that goal!

You don't have to wait for God's Work Sunday! Volunteers are needed all summer long. Go to https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_id=0119&console_type=event_list&res_code=F9oLgR&ht=1 to sign up now. Make sure to sign up for the Faith House and then take pictures and let us know how it went.

summer SUNDAYS

July Ministry Partners

July 7

Acolytes 9:30 Jake & Claire Bonnett
 Communion 9:30 Cindy Lindquist, Betty & Rich Fiddelke
 Greeters 9:30 Jim & Anne Jenkins
 Readers 9:30 Rich Fiddelke
 Ushers 9:30 Don Daubman, Dan Hartman,
 Bob Sweetwood & Kyle Wolfe
 Sarah Circle
 Coffee Hosts

July 14

Acolytes 9:30 Samuel Lieske & Riley Hawkins
 Communion 9:30 Gloria Miller, Michelle Miller &
 Karen Hawkins
 Greeters 9:30 Gloria Miller
 Readers 9:30 Lynn Hedell
 Ushers 9:30 Don Daubman, Dan Hartman,
 Bob Sweetwood & Kyle Wolfe
 Church Choir
 Coffee Hosts

July 21

Acolytes 9:30 Hope Ervin & Owen Moeller
 Communion 9:30 Lauren Anderson, Diane
 Konvalina & Francy Van Meter
 Greeters 9:30 Carol Smith
 Readers 9:30 Ric Miller
 Ushers 9:30 Don Daubman, Dan Hartman,
 Bob Sweetwood & Kyle Wolfe
 Lynn & Royann Hedell
 Coffee Hosts

July 28

Acolytes 9:30 Campbell & Barrett Mooney
 Communion 9:30 Donna Walter, Lynn & Royann Hedell
 Greeters 9:30 Larry & Joyce Kochen
 Readers 9:30 Lauren Anderson
 Ushers 9:30 Don Daubman, Dan Hartman,
 Bob Sweetwood & Kyle Wolfe
 Ministry Investment Committee
 Coffee Hosts



Tyler, Ciprianna & Ruby Engel
 Bob Gilmore
 Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish
 John, Jenna, Fletcher & Watson Placzek
 Jeremy, Kaylie & Laura Ring

Dianne Saitta-Misiunas
 Nick Saitta
 Matt, Katie, Lillian & Charles Scherer
 Jesse, Kylie & Madison Warboys

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

Alcoholics
 Anonymous
 meets at 5:30^{PM}
 Tuesdays.



Check out the
**Little Free
 Library** on the
 parking island
 on 85th Ave.

~flowers & bulletins~

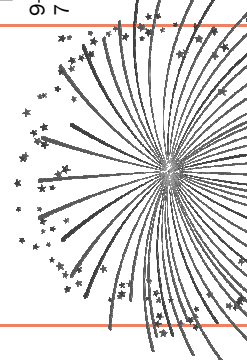
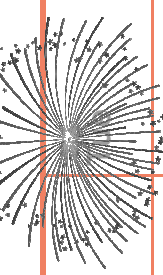
Thanks for your generosity with the altar flowers and bulletins. If you would like to sponsor them, see the calendar in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. Thanks **Great Harvest Bread Company** for providing communion bread **free** each week and thanks **Piccolo Florists** for providing our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

Flower Sponsors

Bulletin Sponsors

	Flower Sponsors	Bulletin Sponsors	
July 7	Gloria Miller	Gloria Miller	Available
July 14	Bob & Stacie Neussendorfer	Available	Lindsey & Chris Tonniges
July 21	Available	Available	Available
July 28	Maxine Winje	Available	Tom & Deb Hysack

July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship</p> <p>VBS VBS Sunday</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 7 PM Outreach Comm (Lg Conf Rm)</p> <p>8</p> <p>5:30 PM Preschool Advisory (Lg Conf Rm) 6:30 PM Church Council (Lg Conf Rm)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Chapel)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9 AM Bible Study 12 PM Evangelism Comm. (Library) 4:30 Executive Committee (Lg Conf Rm)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>JULY 4TH Church Office & Preschool Closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 AM Church Reserved (Lg Conf Rm - Quilters) 5:30 PM Saturday Worship</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship</p> <p>PATRIOTIC Celebration SUNDAY</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 PM Preschool Advisory (Lg Conf Rm) 6:30 PM Church Council (Lg Conf Rm)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 PM AA Meeting (Chapel)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 PM DBSA (Chap, Lg Conf, Lib)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 PM Saturday Worship</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship</p> <p>VBS VBS Sunday</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Chapel) 5:30 PM Personnel Comm. (Library)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 7 PM DBSA (Chap, Lg Conf, Lib)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 PM Saturday Worship</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship</p> <p>FOLK MUSIC Sunday</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Chapel)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 7 PM DBSA (Chap, Lg Conf, Lib)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30 PM Saturday Worship</p>
<p>28</p> <p>It's Chocolate Day!</p> <p>9:30 Combined Worship & Brunch</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Chapel)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9 AM Bible Study</p>			

Vacation Bible School



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Address Correction Requested

Thank
You

Many heartfelt thank you's for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits during my recent illness and rehab. Special thanks to Pastor Chris and Pastor Glenn! God bless you all!

~ Maxine Winje

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PASTORAL CARE Need pastoral care? Contact the Church Office to notify our pastoral staff.

Your generosity to Morning Star is greatly appreciated! Want to make your donations stretch even farther?

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- Use **Amazon Smile** & select Morning Star!

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