



Bringing the Light of Christ to All Creation

MORNING STAR LUTHERAN CHURCH



August 2019

FROM PASTOR GLENN

Pastoral Care & Spiritual Guidance

As we prepare to welcome back Pastor Chris from his sabbatical allow me to express my gratitude for all the care, prayers and support I received this summer. Gracious thank you's go out to Susie, for her usual amazing job of keeping

the office running smoothly; Bev, Tina and all the musicians who helped make worship this summer a joy and delight; Ric Miller and all who helped him make the fellowship hour a good time for sharing conversation and food; the VBS planning team, the volunteers, and the preschool staff who made VBS great fun for me and more importantly all the kids; and YOU. Now as we prepare to move forward, refreshed, with Pastor Chris as our leader I would remind us of the mission goals put in place over a year ago:

Growth Area: Strengths to Build on

1. We will focus on living and communicating our mission, *Bringing the Light of Christ to All Creation*.
2. We will grow and thrive by supporting our outstanding called pastor(s), staff, volunteers and the vitality of our congregation through healthy communication, stewardship and prayer.

Growth Area: Opportunities for Improvement

1. We will grow and strengthen our youth program.
2. We will grow fellowship and discipleship opportunities for all, promoting a healthy, united congregation.

Growth Area: Mission to Our Community

1. We will continue to build upon our cross-generational faith formation programs.
2. We will continue to support community outreach programs, including our excellent preschool and early educational child care program.

Growth Area: Aspirations for the Next 3 Years

1. We will work to revitalize our worship services to maintain excellence and provide hospitality for all of God's people.
2. We will address the functionality of our worship space and determine how it can be made more inviting and accessible.

It is up to us to see these goals as a guide for our journey forward.

God's Peace,

Pastor Glenn

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Worship Times

Saturday Service 5:30 PM
Summer Sunday Service 9:30 AM

APOLLO 11

50th ANNIVERSARY

Colleen Estee shared this with us recently at a worship service. What a beautiful thing to have experienced in that moment between Astronaut Buzz Aldrin and the Lord.

Buzz Aldrin took Holy Communion 50 years ago today, ON THE MOON. Aldrin silently read from John 15:5, which he penned on a 3-by-5-inch notecard, 'As Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I

in Him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me.' "In the radio blackout I opened the little plastic packages which contained bread and wine," Aldrin said. "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements."

Colleen's grandmother was Buzz's 2nd cousin, and her uncle, Wayne Sunblade, brother of former member Mildred Vaughn, was deeply involved in the Apollo 11 mission.



We welcome
Pastor Chris & Angie Hawkins
back on Sunday, August 18 at the 9:30^{AM}
Worship Service. Stay afterwards for a brunch
in their honor!

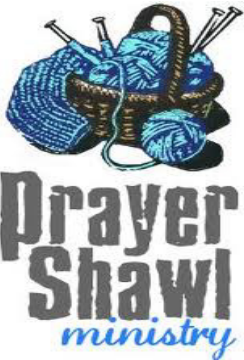


A very special thank you to
Pastor Glenn Schacht
for his role this summer while
Pastor Chris was
on sabbatical.



WEDNESDAY MORNING Bible Study

Join us every
Wednesday at 9^{AM} in the
Large Conference Room
for coffee & fellowship
along with God's Word!



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 free to all and available in the Welcome Center. Sunday mornings you can find a small group crocheting and knitting over coffee and doughnuts. Feel free to join us!

GOSPEL SUNDAY

Join us for Worship on
Sunday, August 25 ~ 9:30^{AM}
for some amazing Gospel music!

Contact Bev McCollum or Tina Fong if you would like to participate!

The Table Grace Food Truck will offer brunch (love-offering accepted) immediately following the 9:30^{AM} Worship Service for everyone!

Ladies bring your food to the Fellowship Hall for the Chico's-inspired Style Show. The Women of Morning Star are serving beverages and a "French Dessert" of cheese, fruit and muffin to enjoy along with your Table Grace meal (or you can come enjoy dessert & conversation). The Style Show begins at 11:30^{AM}.

Morning Star volunteers will model the latest Fall Fashions from Chico's while Lora Leinen from Chico's will share some style secrets for enhancing and changing basic outfits. Everyone in attendance will receive a 10% off coupon valid at Chico's Village Pointe for one-week following the show. Models will also receive 10% off any of the fashions featured at the show. In addition to the discount coupons from Chico's, the Women of Morning Star will give three lucky attendees a \$25 Chico's gift card!

Please RSVP to attend this fabulous fashion event at the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center or you can call or email Marguerite McGill (margmcgill@aol.com) 402-393-4541.



Church Council **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Council approved a Job Description for a Director of Youth and Faith Formation who will coordinate and promote youth faith formation programs and work across all of our generations to support our faith journey. The next step in this exciting effort is to focus on how we may fund and implement this important element of our Strategic Plan.
- Council approved a two-prong initiative from our Outreach Committee to (i) support homeless Veterans in our community; and (ii) to provide additional assistance to our sponsored refugee family aimed at providing a bridge to self-sustainability. The initiative would be implemented through a grant from Immanuel Foundation being pursued by the Outreach Committee.
- Ric Miller delivered a report on the Nebraska Synod Assembly attended by our dedicated representatives Ric, Kyle & Ariel Wolfe. One (of the many) takeaways was the Bishop's view of a congregation with vitality: (i) people growing in spirituality; (ii) the existence of a defined purpose or plan; (iii) a congregational support and pursuit of that purpose/plan; and (iv) shared leadership. We hope and believe you see Morning Star in that definition!

Morning Star's **Music** Ministry

Morning Star! Come dance in the forest and play in the field!

Praise and gratitude to our singers and instrumentalists who have shared their time and talent in musical leadership at Morning Star! Namely, Brent Ericson, Deb Hysack, Laura Beeghly, Lauren Anderson, Don Lieberknecht, Barb Teeter, Francy VanMeter, Lynn Hedell, Dave Blagg, Rich Fiddelke, Rod Anderson, Mark Hawkins, Jan Dahlk, and our beloved friend, Susan Beeghly, who directs the choir rehearsals when called forth. You are all so generous! It is such a blessing to work with you all.

Our mission as musicians is in sharing our spirit of love for Jesus and the gifts we have been granted. We are spreading the seeds that sow and cultivate joy in our hearts in our songs and chants! Singing rattles lose the fear that can bind us. Moving can shake free the anxiety. Surrendering to the flow of the Morning Star hymns and responses each week brings us all closer to Jesus. We are so grateful to see so many of you in the Chapel and Sanctuary this summer and to hear you sing!

We are looking forward to seeing you in our upcoming Folk Music, Bluegrass, Gospel, and Jazz services as we continue to turn, turn, turn!

Sing-cerely, Bev McCullom and Tina Fong

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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

TABLE GRACE CAFE
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

Green Envelope

Our Green Envelope offering for this month goes to Table Grace Café! In downtown Omaha, Table Grace Café is a place where lasting connections are made and the needs

for healthy food and job opportunities are met. The cafe is an extension of Table Grace Ministries and the dream of managers Matt and Simone Weber. At this pay-what-you-can restaurant, anyone who walks through the door is served a nutritious meal regardless of their ability to pay. In place of a bill, patrons are asked to pay what they are able through monetary donations or through the giving of their time. More than a meal, the cafe's connection with its patrons often goes beyond food. A 10-day training program is available to community members who are experiencing homelessness or are seeking to re-enter the workforce but lack the job skills or training.

They are planning to do even more— provide more healthy meals and serve even more people through their jobtraining program. Your gifts this month help the Webers do just that—more of the work that God has called us to do together. To read more about what's happening at Table Grace Cafe go to tablegracecafe.com.



Gods Reach Envelops Every Need

Westside Community Schools and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands invite you to the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the

Hawkins Family Westside Boys & Girls Club

Monday, August 12 ~ 6^{PM}

1312 Robertson Drive
Omaha, NE 68114



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE MIDLANDS

Westside
Community Schools

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Join us at Table Grace Café (1611^{1/2} Farnam St.) on Saturday, August 17 from 1 - 4^{PM} for a Day of Service. We will help with food prep,

organizing, cleaning and mingling with patrons. There's a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center. Stay as long as your schedule allows!



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

SEPTEMBER 8
2019
God's work. Our hands.

"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.

Our day begins with Combined Worship at 9:30^{AM}. The Women of Morning Star are organizing a fundraising lunch for after worship with the proceeds to benefit our Habitat build. Volunteers are needed for the luncheon and all of the days activities. Sign-up sheets will be in the Welcome Center. Join us!

- Altar & Chapel Cleaning
- Preschool Playground Clean Up
- Stuff-a-Sock for Homeless Vets

- Scatter Joy Acres Activities
- Habitat for Humanity Build & Snack Packs

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

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The children were so excited to participate in Vacation Bible School! Thank you to all of the church members who made donations and dedicated their time to make it so awesome.

Mud Day was a huge hit! Children played in pools and sensory tables of mud and especially enjoyed getting their teachers muddy. The Extension Office came and did a presentation on Wiggly Worms. July was definitely a messy month, full of fun.

Upcoming August highlights include creating a zoo on the playground; building a box city; and a "Guess the Legos?" contest. We will also be having a special Kevin's Concert Cove birthday celebration in honor of Kevin at 3:30^{PM} on August 21. The Flat Water Drifters will be performing and we will have cake and ice cream. Feel free to join us!



Dear Friends,

Please remember our good friends at the Westside Boys & Girls Club as they prepare for their upcoming school year. Many of these children and youth will not have necessary

supplies without our help. If you can't, don't have time or the inclination to shop, please know that cash donations will be used to purchase supplies for these kids. Please have supplies and/or checks or cash to church by August 4. Ashley Ellington, Westside Club Unit Director, along with some Children from the Boys & Girls Westside Club, will be joining us on August 4 for a backpack blessing. The blessing will be for everything we have collected plus for all of our members and their backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes as we head back to school and work. Please give generously and make August 4 a blessing for these kids! See the supply list below.

Many thanks from your Outreach Committee

2 Pencils
Crayola Crayons
Crayola Markers
Crayola Watercolor Paint
Glue Sticks
Pencil boxes
Folders

Notebooks
Water bottles
Sharpies
Fiskars Student Scissors
Highlighters
Pens (Blue and Black)
Colored Pencils

Book bags (1st-3rd grades)
Book Bags (4th-6th grades)
Book Bags (teens)
Trapper Keepers
Binders

Backpack Blessing

Children's Time in Worship
Sunday, August 4

9:30 AM

Hey Kids! Bring your backpacks! Grown ups can bring their bags, too!



Hey Kids & Teens!
Stay tuned for
Rally Sunday
coming SOON!

summer SUNDAYS

August Ministry Partners

August 4

Acolytes 9:30 Molly & Sophie Wolfe
 Communion 9:30 Cindy Lindquist, Gloria Miller & Michelle Miller
 Greeters 9:30 Neil & Cindy Lindquist
 Readers 9:30 Judy Hollander
 Ushers 9:30 Neil Lindquist, Rick Jacobsen, Joel & Jackson Rohde
 Coffee Hosts Marguerite McGill

August 11

Acolytes 9:30 Jack Neussendorfer & Luke Beck
 Communion 9:30 Sabrina Beck, Diane Konvalina & JoAnne Wollenburg
 Greeters 9:30 Dennis & Kim Moy
 Readers 9:30 David Blagg
 Ushers 9:30 Neil Lindquist, Rick Jacobsen, Joel & Jackson Rohde
 Coffee Hosts Choir


August 18

Acolytes 9:30 Ella Post & Riley Hawkins
 Communion 9:30 Francy Van Meter, Lynn & Royann Hedell
 Greeters 9:30 Daryl & JoAnne Wollenburg
 Readers 9:30 Lynn Hedell
 Ushers 9:30 Neil Lindquist, Rick Jacobsen, Joel Rohde & John Davis
 Coffee Hosts Kyle & Arielle Wolfe

August 25

Acolytes 9:30 Jake & Claire Bonnett
 Communion 9:30 Lauren Anderson, Rod Anderson & Kim Hawkins
 Greeters 9:30 Kyle & Arielle Wolfe
 Readers 9:30 Lauren Anderson
 Ushers 9:30 Neil Lindquist, Rick Jacobsen, Joel Rohde & John Davis
 Coffee Hosts Lynn & Royann Hedell

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

August 4	Bill & Sydney Winstrom	Bill & Sydney Winstrom	Jon & Sabrina Beck
August 11	Sharon McGrath	Alan & Alyce Berk	Tyler & Ciprianna Engel
August 18	Tim & Lori Mueller	Tim & Lori Mueller	John & Lynn Davis
August 25	Gloria Miller	Gloria Miller	Available




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:30 Combined Worship 				1 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 7 PM Outreach Committee (Welcome Center) 7 PM DBSA (Chap, Lg Conf, Lib)	2 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)	3 9 AM Church Reserved (Lg Conf Rm - Quilters) 5:30 PM Saturday Worship
11 9:30 Combined Worship 10:30 Table Grace Food Truck 11:30 Ladies Fashion Show TABLE GRACE CAFE Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls	5 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)	6 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Chapel)	7 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9 AM Bible Study 4:30 PM Exec Committee (Lg Conf Rm)	8 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 7 PM DBSA (Chap, Lg Conf, Lib)	9 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)	10 5:30 PM Saturday Worship
18 Pastor Chris Returns 9:30 Combined Worship 10:30 Brunch	12 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 5:30 PM Preschool Advisory (Lg Conf Rm) 6:30 PM Church Council (Lg Conf Rm)	13 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 11:45 AM Preschool Chapel 5:30 PM AA Meeting (Chapel)	14 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 9 AM Bible Study	15 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel) 7 PM DBSA (Chap, Lg Conf, Lib)	16 9-4 Preschool Class (Chapel)	17 1-4 PM Serve at Table Grace Café 5:30 PM Saturday Worship
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Need pastoral care?
Contact the Church Office
to notify our pastoral staff.



Prayers

Michael Bowman
Cecil Bykerk
Rich Fiddelke

Marilyn Jarrard
Norma Rygg
Maxine Winje

Friends & Loved Ones of Morning Star

- Angie & Marti (*friends of Dennis & Kim Moy's*)
- Ann Wrabetz, Leslie & Michael (*friends of Michelle Miller*)
- Beverly (*friend of Sandy Heskett & Nancy Sweetwood*)
- Carol Foss (*friend of Pastor Sara Jensen*)
- Cindy C. (*friend of Cynthia Ferris*)
- Delmar Peetz
- Dedra (*friend of the Washburn's*)
- Dianna Howland (*friend of Jan Zarestky*)
- 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. (*Chris Hedican's family*)
- Ray Thiel (*Laurel Mooney's family*)
- Shelley (*Carol Anderson's family*)
- Steve, Teresa & Kate (*Gloria Miller's family*)
- Tiffany, Jeremy & Nancy (*sister & friends of Hedican's*)
- Whitney, Steven, Rick & Dorothy (*Michelle Miller's family*)