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Saturdays at 5:30 PM ♦ Sundays at 10:00 AM ♦ Anytime at www.MorningStarOmaha.org

August 2021 Newsletter



*Our Children & Youth Ministry
has been busy this summer!*





Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 15 ♦ 10 AM
 We will bless all backpacks, lunchbags, briefcases & supplies donated to the Westside Boys & Girls Club!



Teacher Appreciation
Sunday, August 15 ~ 10 AM
 We will honor ALL teachers to thank them for their hard work. This includes the Preschool & members who are teachers of all grades!



We need help so worship can happen each week. Could you help Usher, Serve Communion, Read or Greet? Contact the Church Office!



Thanks to the Faith Formation team, the teachers & staff of the Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center, and especially Pastor Chris, Pastor Glenn, Kyle Wolfe, Dawn Karnish, Art Lorenz, Ronni Schacht, Jan Zarestky, Marguerite McGill, Donna J. Walter, Kim Hawkins, Agneta Gaines and youth helpers: Samuel, Kate & Nicholas! Thank you also to Sarah Lieske & Kathy Widdershoven for their help!

VBS was a TREMENDOUS success. All of the children, both church and preschool, had fun learning what a treasure they are to God. Thanks to all of you for allowing this fun week to happen!



We will receive new members on Sunday, September 12! If you want to learn more about membership at Morning Star, let us know so Pastor Chris can meet with you and add you to our membership! Email Office@MorningStarOmaha.org or call 402-393-5553.

Contact Greta for information on any of the following Youth Events!



- Confirmation Stole Making: Wednesday, August 4, 6:30 PM in the Chapel for those being confirmed this fall.
- Youth Room Facelift: Sunday, August 8, 5 PM with Pizza! The youth room needs some TLC so come help move stuff and get some pizza!
- Back to School BBQ: Sunday, August 22 at 5:30 PM at Pastor Chris & Angie's house.

All are welcome to join Pastor Chris, Pastor Glenn and Greta for our mid-week Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the conference room. Each week we dig into the lectionary texts and share insights!



~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

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August 1 Virgil & Ruth Johnson	Virgil & Ruth Johnson Jan Zarestky
August 8 Sharon McGrath	Available Available
August 15 Available	Available Available
August 22 Available	Available Available
August 29 Available	Available Available

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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



Gods Reach
Envelops Every Need

Green Envelope

The Green Envelope offering this month goes to one of Morning Star's strategic outreach ministries: the Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center.

**Morning Star Preschool
& Child Care Center** 

Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center transforms young lives through a Christ-centered program that is committed to the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual development of each child. Learning through play is the heart of our curriculum with emphasis on helping children to interact, cooperate and grow together in community.

Sarah Dumke, our new Director of the Preschool said the funds received would be used towards improving the playgrounds which are in need of updated materials and fixing some drainage issues. Thank you for caring about the children, families and teaching staff that are ministered to every day through our "Step Up to Quality" highest rated preschool!

**Morning Star Preschool
& Child Care Center** 

The preschool children move into August with Construction as their theme! Active learning experiences, include using tools and measuring and will develop number and mathematical concepts. Highlights of that week are building a "Box City" and "Use a Tool Day".

Insect Investigations is our next theme. Insects can capture attention, heighten children's environmental awareness, and lead to wonderful learning opportunities. We then dive into our Ocean Adventures theme. The ocean's creatures and features are fascinating for young children. Books and activities will help them learn facts about anemones, octopi, ocean habitats, and more. Our last blast of the summer has children enjoying playing with friends and showing off their best dance moves at an Outdoor Dance Party.



Service Project



Every month our Outreach team tries to provide us with a volunteer opportunity! In August we will host the monthly Crossroads Connection, a ministry that provides a meal & worship service along with household necessities for inmates who are working towards rebuilding a life once their time is served. Typically inmates family members join them for the meals and service.

Come to this special worship service on Sunday, August 8 at 6 PM. We will need lots of help setting up, serving the meal, cleaning up, helping with worship or even interacting with those working on their second chance at life. Contact Todd or Deb Washburn for more information on how you can be involved in this great service project. New team members are always welcome on the Outreach Committee!

- Council welcomed our newest member, Lindsey Tonniges. We're excited for her to be part of Council!
- Our officers will remain the same for July 2021 – June 2022: Jackie Froendt, President; Laurel Mooney, Vice President; Kim Hawkins, Jr., Secretary; Lori Mueller, Treasurer.
- All committees are re-engaging post-COVID. If you're interested in serving on a committee, please reach out to the Church Office and let us know. We'd love to have you!

**Council Highlights &
CELEBRATION**



The Morning Star calendar is online and updated regularly. Visit

www.MorningStarOmaha.org/calendar and click on "See Complete Calendar"! Email Susie in the Church Office to add information.

Move recently? Not getting the email updates from us? Contact the Church Office to update your information in our records so we can keep you current on Morning Star events. Thank you!





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Prayer Shawls, hand-crafted by members of Morning Star, have been lovingly prayed over as they are created. Find the display in the Gathering Space and take one for yourself or a loved one. Love to knit or crochet? See Betty Fiddelke or Sarah Lieske for the pattern!



Pick up at-home Communion kits anytime by contacting the Church Office. Live worship streaming will always be available on Facebook LIVE at 10 AM or shortly after on our website MorningStarOmaha.org.



August Anniversaries

Ken & Roberta Hagemann	8/4
Rich & Betty Fiddelke	8/8
Dave & Lynn Blagg	8/11
John & Diane Konvalina	8/12
Kim & Karen Hawkins	8/14
Daryl & JoAnn Wollenburg	8/15
Andy & Teggy Maxwell	8/20
Craig & Colleen Estee	8/22
Lawrence & Julee Kruse	8/31
Gary & Sue Quast	8/31

August Birthdays

Hope Ervin	8/2	Tamara Kellams	8/16
Nina Lierler	8/2	Hailey Neussendorfer	8/16
Marcia Bergstrom	8/3	Marti Christensen	8/18
Lily Warner	8/3	Michael Lierler	8/20
Cecil Bykerk	8/4	Lawrence Kruse	8/22
Lacy Saitta	8/4	Quinn Warner	8/24
Barb Teter	8/7	Molly Wolfe	8/24
Glenn Schacht	8/13	Tyler Engel	8/26
Virgil Johnson	8/14	Lee Hollander	8/27
Alan Berk	8/15	Sara Jensen	8/28
Zoey Lawton	8/15	Michelle Miller	8/28
Michelle Warner	8/15	George Teggart	8/28



Take or leave a book at the Little Free Library on the parking island on 85th Avenue.