

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

Acts 2



From the very beginning, God declares that it is not good for us to be alone. We are created for relationship—for communion with God, for life with one another, and for love that reaches beyond ourselves. Lent calls us not only to personal repentance and renewal, but also back into community, where faith is practiced, carried, and strengthened together.

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, you are invited to gather for a time of fellowship, shared meals, and prayer. Following a meal and fellowship, at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday, we will come together for Holden Evening Prayer Service from 6:30–7:00 p.m. This simple, contemplative service invites us to slow down, sing, listen, and rest in God’s presence in the midst of a busy season.

We are deeply thankful for our weekly meal teams who are taking turns sponsoring and preparing each Lenten meal. Their hospitality helps create the space where relationships are nurtured and community is formed around the table.

This year’s midweek Lenten series, **Created for Community**, explores how God draws us into deeper relationship through five weekly themes:

- Week 1: In Community with Creation**
- Week 2: In Community with the Saints**
- Week 3: In Community with Our Neighbor**
- Week 4: In Community with Those on the Margins**
- Week 5: In Community with Christ**

Whether you come for the meal, the worship, or both, you are warmly invited to join this midweek Lenten journey as we remember together who we are—and whose we are.

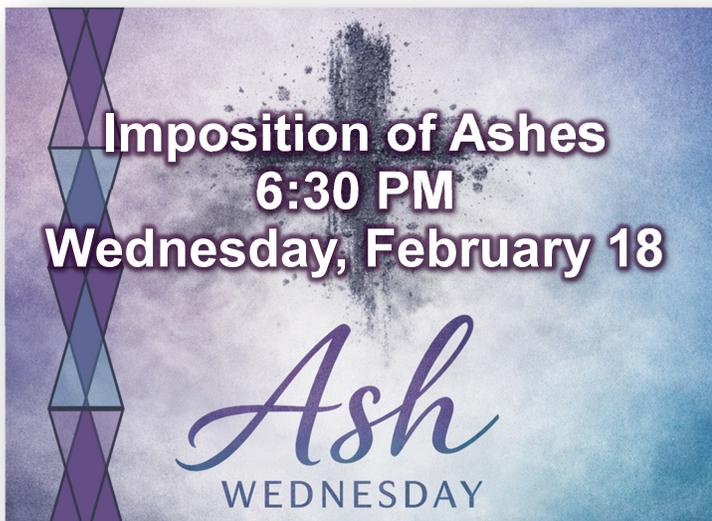
See you in worship!

Pr. Chris



Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 8^{AM} - 4^{PM}
Friday 8^{AM} - 12 Noon
Closed Major Holidays

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

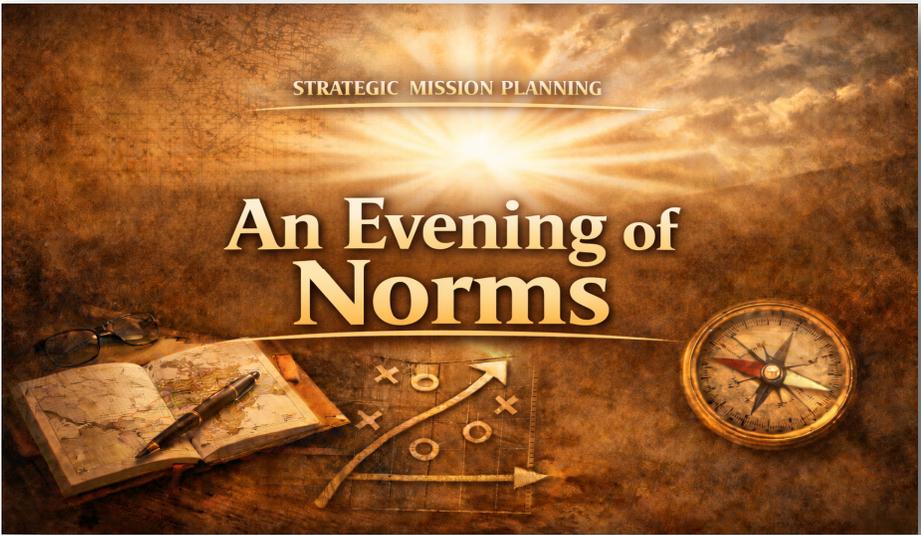


Ash Wednesday Meal

Please join us for Soup & Salad Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on Ash Wednesday, February 18 in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is being hosted by Pam & Ric Miller along with Sabrina & Jon Beck. Homemade soups include *Chicken Noodle*, *Beef Stew* and *Taco Soup* paired with mixed greens, toppings and dressings. Children will have the option to choose Mac & Cheese, while dessert will be variety of cookies and brownies. ***Hope to see you!***

Pictures from the Morning Star Christmas Program





We need help setting out donuts & coffee. It's a pretty easy gig and everyone **LOVES** the donut person! Contact Marguerite Diane or Jan if you can help!



An Evening of Norms

Please join us Wednesday, February 11 at 6 PM for this important event that includes a meal. Please RSVP to the Church Office by February 9.

Thanks



Our sincere appreciation for your generous donation to Project Harmony. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of children and families impacted by trauma.

As Project Harmony continues to grow, we will remain focused on our mission to end child abuse and neglect. Thanks to your support, we can do so much more. We can shape a future where hope, compassion, and resilience thrive across all generations.

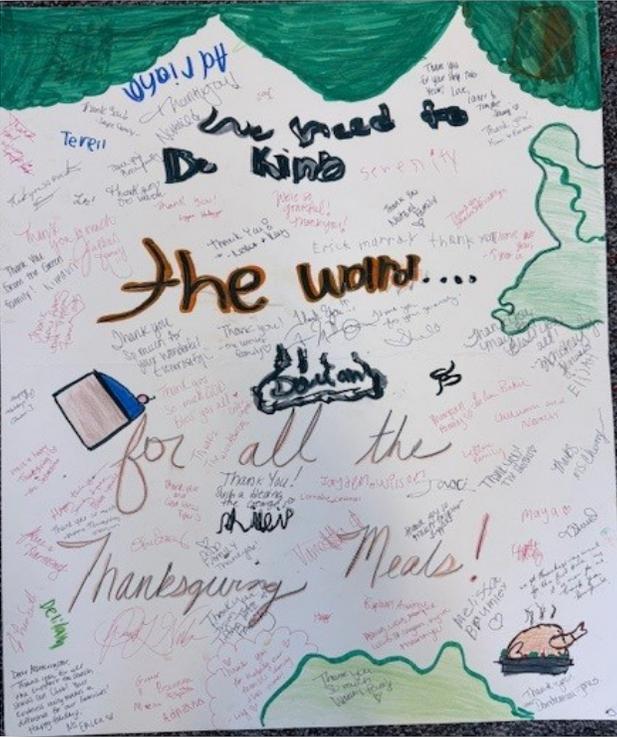
Sincerely,

Mandy Suing
Community Engagement Coordinator



Thank you all so much for your generous sponsorship of 20 children through Lutheran Family Services for the holidays. Your kindness has benefited so many families at LFS both this year and through the many years of our partnership. It is such a joy to work with you all. Thank you for being such an amazing blessing to these families. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season!

Susan Pawloski



To the Right is from the Westside Boys & Girls Club

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



February Green Envelope

The Youth Group at Morning Star is asking for your support with this month's green envelope offering. The youth are active members of the congregation filling such roles as acolytes; greeters, and communion assistants. They volunteer at VBS, the Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat. They grow deeper in their spiritual life through Confirmation and service projects. Your giving will go towards big events like winter ski trips and summer youth service and learning trips enabling our young people to better financially afford these events. Thank you for being the light of Christ to ALL!



The Cereal Bowl continues! We will stock the Food Bank for the Heartland's pantry with new, dry breakfast cereal (boxed or bagged ~ flakes or puffs). We at Morning Star like to make this a little competition to see who can bring the most cereal. Place your donation in the bin based on the first letter of your last name. All ounces added up per team. Those with last names A-L are on "Team Flakes" and those with last names M-Z are on "Team Puffs". The real winners here are the families served by Omaha's Food Bank for the Heartland!



Al-Anon meets at Morning Star on Wednesdays at Noon.



Alcoholics Anonymous is open to all! Groups that meet at Morning Star are:

- Tuesdays at 5:30^{PM}
- Tuesdays at 8^{PM}
- Wednesdays at 5:30^{PM} ~Women



The DBSA (Depression, BiPolar Support Alliance) meets at Morning Star Thursdays at 7^{PM}. This meeting is open to anyone in need!

Omaha New Hope Chapter DBSA



PASTORCARE

If you have pastoral care needs, please contact the Church Office to notify our pastoral staff.

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to be a sponsor, contact the Church Office.



Flower Sponsors

Bulletin Sponsors

DATE	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
Feb. 1	James & Shaila Clark	Carole Langan	AVAILABLE
Feb. 8	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Feb. 15	Jon & Sabrina Beck	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Feb. 22	NO FLOWERS ~ Lent	NO FLOWERS ~ Lent	AVAILABLE

The cost of the Altar Flowers is \$45 per arrangement. Bulletin sponsorships are \$30 per week. Thank you for continuing to sponsor the beautiful flowers that adorn our altar. We are collecting the containers the flowers come in for a hopeful discount. Please return to the Church Office if you are able.



February Worship Assistants

Sunday, February 1

Comm: Brian, Tarah & Grace Peterson
Reader: Bryce Peterson
Usher: Mark Carnevalo & Dean Mathisen
Acolyte: Luke Lieske & Michael Lierler
Altar: Angie Hawkins

Wednesday, February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday

Comm: Rod Anderson, Bob & Lauren Gilmore
Reader: Lauren Gilmore
Usher: Dean Mathisen & Jim McGill
Acolyte: Zach & Josh Bowman
Altar: Lauren Gilmore

Sunday, February 8

Comm: Angie Hawkins, Bob & Lauren Gilmore
Reader: Gloria Miller
Usher: Rick Jacobsen & Dan Mooney
Acolyte: Abigail Karnish & Brynn Wiebers
Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish

Sunday, February 22

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg
Reader: Dave Blagg
Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn
Acolyte: Nina & Michael Lierler
Altar: Lynn Blagg

Sunday, February 15

Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter
Reader: Donna Walter
Usher: Jon & Sabrina Beck
Acolyte: Charlie & Will Beck
Altar: Diane Meyer

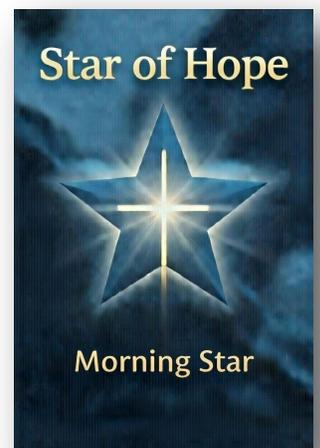


Scholarship Applications

2026-2027 Winstrom Youth Service Scholarship applications are now available. Get one from the worship center, online or contact the Church Office for one. Accredited tech schools DO qualify! **APPLICATION DEADLINE is May 31!**

Star of Hope

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





Faith Formation

Children's and Family Ministry

Children and families are invited to join us each Sunday during Lent (9:00-9:45) for learning, activities and fun! Mark your calendars!

Easter Egg Hunt and Holy Week Adventure

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 4 10-12, for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year we will also offer a Holy Week Adventure with fun Easter themed activities following our hunt. Join us!

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides handcrafted blankets given to those that need comfort. Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made. Contact the Church Office to pick one up.



✝ First Communion ✝

Hey kids in 3rd or 4th grade! We will be having a class for those of you who haven't yet had First Communion.

Keep your eyes open for a postcard coming soon!

RSVP to the Church Office!



Ash Wednesday ~ Imposition of Ashes

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 PM

Wednesday Evening Holden Prayer Service

Wednesdays through Lent, 6:30 PM ♦ Lenten Meals, 5:30 PM

Palm Sunday

March 29, 10 AM

Maundy Thursday

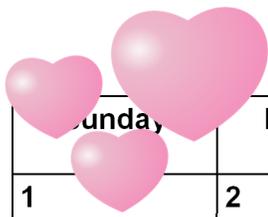
April 2, 6:30 PM

Good Friday

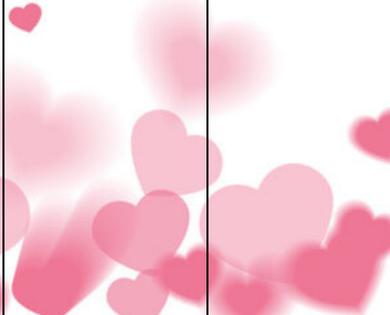
April 3, 6:30 PM

Easter Sunrise & Easter Celebration Services

April 5, Times TBA



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 Worship 11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting	2	3 5 Exec Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	4 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation	5 7 DBSA	6	7 9 Quilting Group 5:30 Worship
8 10 Worship	9 4:30 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 6:30 Church Council	10 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	11 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6 An Evening of Norms	12 7 DBSA	13	14 5:30 Worship 
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22 9 Faith Formation Fun 10 Worship	23 5:30 MIF Committee Meeting	24 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	25 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 5:30 Lenten Meal 6:30 Holden Evening Worship	26 12:30 Sarah Circle 1:30 Lydia Circle 7 DBSA	27 	28 5:30 Worship



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Address Correction Requested

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!



February Anniversaries

Jerry & Karen	Bertelsen	02/09
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February Birthdays

Zachary	Tonniges	02/01	Mike	Behm	02/14	Jon	Beck	02/23
Todd	Washburn	02/01	Anker	Jensen	02/14	Kate	Lieske	02/23
Amanda	Pierce	02/02	Walter	Gilmore	02/15	Jackson	Post	02/23
Don	Daubman	02/03	Barbara	Schroeder	02/15	Noah	Jones	02/24
Cindy	Lindquist	02/06	Denise	Stange	02/15	Dave	Blagg	02/27
Jeff	Wegner	02/07	Bonnie	Daubman	02/17	Colleen	Estee	02/27
Benton	Warboys	02/08	Bev	Mathisen	02/18	Erin	Hanke	02/27
Marcie	Colombo	02/10	Harper	Byers	02/19	Renny	Maxwell	02/27
Pam	Miller	02/10	Mason	Rue	02/19	Diane	Meyer	02/27
Riley	Hawkins	02/12	James	McGill	02/22	Hattie	Moeller	02/27

