



Mid Week Update ~ February 10, 2021

♥HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY♥



VIRTUAL WORSHIP INFORMATION:

Click [HERE](#) to join the LIVE service on Sunday at 10 AM. Don't forget to "like" or comment so we can count you present!

Follow along in the bulletin [HERE](#):

Sunday, February 14, Transfiguration of Our Lord

All Worship services, past and present, can be viewed by visiting
www.MorningStarOmaha.org/virtual-service-archive.



Giving just got easier! Scan the code with your phone to be linked to our secure online giving form. You can also download the Give Plus+ app to your phone and donate that way. Call the Church Office if you have any questions!



MORNING STAR
LUTHERAN CHURCH

LENT

Ash Wednesday Service

Imposition of Ashes *(safely from your vehicle)*
(or pick up Ashes for home use)

Lenten Services

Wednesday, February 17 ~ Noon

**Wednesday, February 17 ~ 9-11^{AM}
& 12:45-2^{PM}**

Sundays ~ 10^{AM} Facebook Live

Wednesdays ~ 12^{PM} Facebook Live

Mid-Week Lenten Faith Formation ~ 6^{PM} on ZOOM

Join the entire Morning Star community on ZOOM *(by phone or computer)* to participate in this intergenerational study & fellowship. ALL AGES are invited!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Virtual Service

Maundy Thursday Virtual Service

Good Friday Virtual Service

Easter Celebration

Sunday, March 28 at 10:00^{AM}

Thursday, April 1 (time TBD)

Friday, April 2 (time TBD)

Sunday, April 4 at 10:00^{AM}



Consecrated Communion Pick-Up

Friday, February 12 ~ Noon to 3^{PM}

Saturday, February 13 ~ 9^{AM} to Noon

and

Friday, March 26 ~ Noon to 3^{PM}

Saturday, March 27 ~ 9^{AM} to Noon



Ash Wednesday and the Imposition of Ashes will look different this year. We invite you to pick up a small vial of consecrated Ashes along with home communion kits on Friday, February 12 from Noon to 3 PM or Saturday, February 13 from 9 AM to Noon. Please contact the Church Office if you need assistance or delivery.

We will also be offering the Imposition of Ashes from the safety of your vehicle on Ash Wednesday, February 17 from 9-11 AM or 12:45 to 2 PM. Please pull into the west circle drive, stay in your vehicle and the pastors will proceed with instructions.

Thank you for your flexibility this past year as we try to bring familiarity to worship! Blessings this Lenten season!

Lent for Everyone: Reflections on the Heart

WHEN: Wednesday Evenings during Lent at 6 - 6:45 PM on February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24

WHERE: ZOOM from the comfort of your home

WHAT: In lieu of our Lenten meals and fellowship on Wednesday evenings, we will have a faith formation Zoom every Wednesday in Lent starting February 24. Families of all ages (really- **ALL** ages!) are invited to join for a time of fellowship, scripture, reflection, sharing, and coloring. We are calling this new program "Lent for Everyone," because it is for everyone! This will take the place of Sunday school videos during Lent. Supplies available for pick up February 12 & 13 (or through email). Please talk to me for any questions you may have and stay tuned for more details!



Children

Check out our Children's & Youth Ministry page by clicking on the picture above for help to strengthen young people's faith at home! Your very own children's bulletin is [HERE](#)!

Sunday School

Here's this past week's Sunday School video: [CLICK HERE](#)! Contact Greta@MorningStarOmaha.org if you have questions!

Previous Sunday School lessons can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJcfcUIVPqI&list=PLwj4mZjYZVe2vpRc78D31RlwFDJ6vkNpy>

Parent's Page

Download the Sunday School parent's page [HERE](#)!



Applications for the 2021 Winstrom Youth Scholarships available now! Click on corresponding application below! The deadline to turn the scholarship applications in will be March 1, 2021.

**Scholarship Initial
Application**

**Scholarship Renewal
Application**

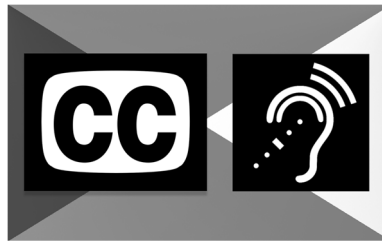
February Service Project



New Visions has not been immune to the hardships of the past year. This month we will collect supplies for the veterans housed at New Visions. The following have been requested by New Visions and may be dropped off to the Church Office or during Communion pick up this month. Find out more about New Visions by visiting www.NewVisionshs.org.

- Work Boots (men's sizes 9 thru 12)

- Bath & Face Towels
 - Laundry Detergent
 - T-Shirts (M thru 3x)
 - Boxers (M thru 3x)
 - Shower Shoes (sizes 9 thru 13)
 - Long Johns (M thru 3x)
 - Sweat Pants (M thru 3x)
 - Sweat Shirts (M thru 3x)
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Closed Captioning for Live Broadcasts

Just a reminder that closed captioning is an end-user option. If you are on YouTube, click on the the “CC” on the bottom part of the viewing screen. If watching on Facebook, under your profile, click on “Settings & Privacy”; then “Settings”. Scroll down to videos then check “always display captions” to on. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through providing services to all virtually.



Bible study information is below. Feel free to join us on ZOOM or Facebook Live. ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86188081673>.

Bible Study Sheet

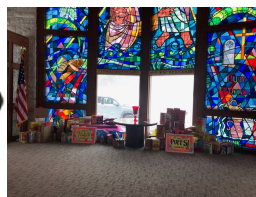
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Psalm [Psalm 50:1-6](#)

Second Reading [2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)

Gospel [Mark 9:2-9](#)

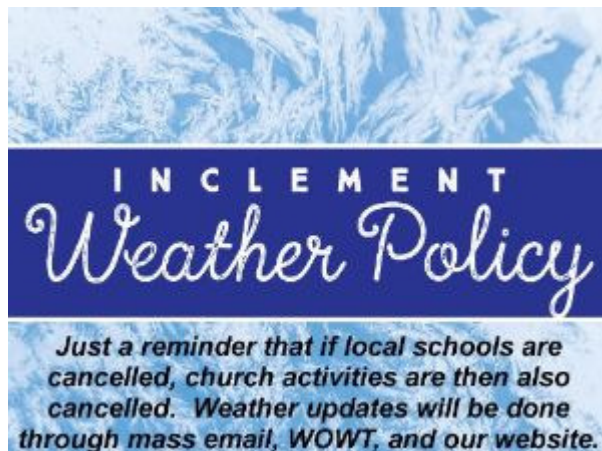
You can always watch later at your convenience at www.MorningStarOmaha.org/Virtual-Service-Archive.



Congratulations to the Flakes for winning the Cereal Bowl this year! We had a record number of donations from both sides so the real winners are the families served by the Kountze Pantry! Way to go Morning Star!

Confirmation

Confirmation meetings are on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on ZOOM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83103087863>





Many dates in 2021 are available. Call the Church Office to reserve your special day!

February 7	Don & Bonnie Daubman	Jan Zarestky	<i>Available</i>
February 14	Michelle Miller	Michelle Miller	Jan Zarestky
February 21	No Flowers ~ Lent	No Flowers ~ Lent	<i>Available</i>
February 28	No Flowers ~ Lent	No Flowers ~ Lent	<i>Available</i>

TABLEGRACE
CAFE
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH 7:30 – 8:30 PM
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

Voices of Creativity

Watch Gala at www.nhbs.cc/gala2021
Auction bidding at www.nhbs.cc/bid2021

Pick up Lunch (3/5 11AM-2PM) at Table Grace Cafe
1611 1/2 Farnam St. Omaha, NE 68102

Pick up Dinner (3/5 4-6:30PM) at Food truck
St. Thomas Church 17007 Q St, Omaha, NE 68135



Food Options for Gala

Pick-up 3/1-3/5

Take and Bake Option:

Chicken Bacon Baked Penne Carbonara
German Chocolate Brownies

Pick-up Day-of Gala:

Baked Apple-Goat Cheese Crostini
Maple-Bourbon Glazed Ham Balls
Seared Beef Tataki
Prosciutto Roulade with Greek Yogurt and Fruit Compote
Pesto Chicken Salad Tea Sliders

Desserts:

Mexican Chocolate Cake Bombs
Berry Clafoutis with Brown Butter Sauce

This Year's Fundraiser is in memory of Sean Blake

Sponsorship includes 8 meal tickets.
Meals available for pickup at Table Grace Cafe
or Saint Thomas Lutheran Church. Please Select
a time and location for food pickup.

☐ Platinum \$20,000 ☐ Gold \$10,000

☐ Silver \$5,000 ☐ Bronze \$960

☐ Tickets # _____ ☐ Donation _____

Individual tickets \$60

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Pickup Take and Bake at Table Grace Cafe 11am-2pm

☐ 3/1 ☐ 3/2 ☐ 3/3 ☐ 3/4 ☐ 3/5 Serving # _____

Saint Thomas Friday 4-6:30 ☐ 3/5 Serving # _____

Pick-up day of Gala Serving # _____

☐ Cafe ☐ 11am-12pm ☐ 12-1pm ☐ 1-2pm

☐ Food Truck ☐ 4-5pm ☐ 5pm-6pm ☐ 6-6:30pm

☐ No Food Please

Table Grace Ministries is a 501c3 whose Mission is
"Nourishing hungry bodies and souls."

Purchase tickets at www.tablegraceministries.com

or return this form with your name and check to:

Table Grace Cafe

1611 1/2 Farnam St

Omaha, NE 68102

or call Simone at 402-965-1276.


Make checks payable to Table Grace Ministries.

Please reserve your tickets by 3/3/2021.

Council Highlights & CELEBRATION


- The Preschool Director Search Committee/Transition Team has been meeting to begin the process to fill the director position due to Susan Snow's retirement.
- The COVID Task Force continues to meet. They are hopeful that the vaccine will be readily available soon. Stay tuned for more information about a possible return to in-person worship.
- The Council began a discussion at the September 2020 retreat and has continued the conversation about our strategic plan. We have wrapped up our three-year plan and have many things to celebrate as a congregation. The Council is beginning the preparation process for another three-year plan. The congregation will be involved in these conversations and the planning. The Council decided to wait to officially begin the planning process with the congregation until we can meet in person.






2020: A look back

COVID-19 brought the importance of home – of having a safe, healthy and affordable place to live – to the forefront. For many, “shelter in place” only exacerbated the conditions with which they have struggled for so long. Since 1984, Habitat Omaha has helped families and individuals in our community build and improve places to call home, because we believe in the strength and stability it provides – now as much as ever.



46
homes built or renovated, including 2 in Sarpy County




Homebuyers completed classes virtually, gaining skills for successful homeownership and financial stability


54
individuals worked to become mortgage-ready through our Almost Home program


7
clean-up events held with neighborhood organizations and churches

308
Habitat Omaha homeowners and Home Repair clients served through emergency COVID-19 mortgage and loan assistance




28
veteran families served through critical home repair and improvement projects





132
home repairs and improvements completed

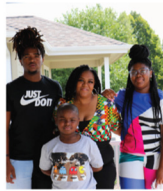
Valuable support from skilled and professional volunteers



225
individuals received estate planning and property tax education

142
deconstruction projects completed, salvaging quality materials for resale

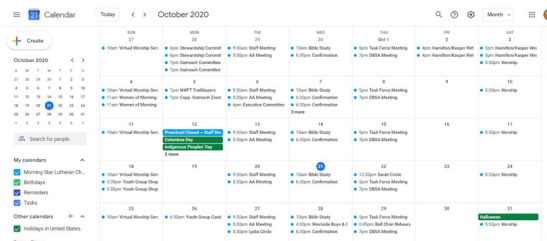
58
individuals and families purchased their first home



United with Habitat Sarpy County under the name Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, expanding our reach and impact in delivering quality, affordable homeownership solutions

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View Morning Star's online calendar by clicking below!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 10

10:00 ^{AM} Bible Study (ZOOM & Facebook Live)

6:30 ^{PM} Confirmation (ZOOM)

Thursday, February 11

7 ^{PM} DBSA (Chapel)

7:30 ^{PM} Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 12

Noon-3 ^{PM} Communion & Ashes Pick Up
(Circle Drive)

Saturday, February 13

9 ^{AM}-Noon Communion & Ashes Pick Up
(Circle Drive)

Sunday, February 14

10 ^{AM} Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

Monday, February 15

Tuesday, February 16

9:30 ^{AM} Staff Meeting (Lg Conf Room)

5:30 ^{PM} AA Meeting (Chapel)

5:30 ^{PM} Personnel Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 17

9-11 ^{AM} Imposition of Ashes (Your Car-Circle Drive)

10:00 ^{AM} Bible Study (ZOOM & Facebook Live)

12 ^{PM} Virtual Ash Wednesday Service (Facebook Live)

12:45-2 ^{PM} Imposition of Ashes (Your Car-Circle Drive)

Thursday, February 18

7 ^{PM} DBSA (Chapel)

7:30 ^{PM} Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, February 19

Saturday, February 20

Sunday, February 21 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

10 ^{AM} Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)



February 14 Readings

First Reading [2 Kings 2:1-12](#)

Psalm [Psalm 50:1-6](#)

Second Reading [2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)

Gospel [Mark 9:2-9](#)



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