



Mid Week Update ~ July 22, 2020



In case you missed the message from Pastor Chris that was telephoned to you last week, we are now reopen for public worship on **Sundays at 10 AM** with social distancing and face masks in place! All are welcome! We kindly ask that you let the Church Office know only if you are attending to help our greeters and ushers prepare for your arrival. To hear Pastor Chris' message again, call toll-free 1-866-665-4384.

For those that are uncomfortable, we will continue to offer virtual worship via Facebook LIVE at 10 AM or shortly thereafter on our website. Click [HERE](#) to join the LIVE service on Sunday at 10 AM. You don't need a Facebook account to view the service.

Follow along in the bulletin [HERE](#): [Eighth Week of Pentecost](#)

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

*Vacation Bible School at Home
Monday - Wednesday, July 27-29 at 5 PM*



Though we were not able to hold our regular VBS at the church with the preschool, we are doing a 3-day at home VBS called Bolt! On July 27-29, join us online at 5 PM for a Bible story and game you play at home with your family! If you are interested in participating, please sign your family up [HERE](#) so we can get you the info and supplies you need!



The Boys & Girls Westside Club needs our help to provide their club members with school supplies this year. You may bring any items (or funds to purchase these) to the drive thru Communion pick up or contact the Church Office to arrange drop off. Here are some suggestions:

- Small Bottles of hand sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Masks (child & adult)
- Pencil Boxes
- #2 Pencils
- Highlighters
- Folders
- Glue Sticks
- Kleenex
- Loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- Pens
- Washable Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Erasers
- Spiral Notebooks (wide ruled)
- Rulers
- 2-Pocket Folder with 3-prongs to hold paper



Today's Bible study is [LIVE](#) on Facebook at Noon. Contact the Church Office for the ZOOM link. Or watch it later on our website:

www.MorningStarOmaha.org/Virtual-Service-Archive.

[Bible Study Sheet](#)

[Lectionary Texts:](#)

First Reading [1 Kings 3:5-12](#)

Psalm [Psalm 119:129-136](#)

Second Reading [Romans 8:26-39](#)

Gospel [Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)



Backpack Blessing ~ Sunday, August 9

We will bless our backpacks (lunchbags and briefcases welcome, too) for the coming year on Sunday, August 9 in the service, and you can participate at home. Blessings will be mailed out prior to the service, including adults upon request!



[Children & Youth Corner](#)

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 own children's bulletin is [HERE!](#)

Online VBS

It starts Monday! Go to [THIS LINK](#) to register for this awesome 3-day event!

Bible Art Quest

Contact [Greta](#) for a Bible Art Quest activity envelope appropriate for all ages!

Upcoming Events

- **Family Fun Day on the Lawn:** Join kids of all ages for fun, socially distanced lawn games coming soon before school starts!
- **Youth Group Cookout:** Join Pastor Chris, Greta & the youth ministry team for our annual back to school BBQ for Middle & High School students at the church with a new youth group fire pit! More details coming soon.
- **Zoom Connections:** Connect with other youth your age on a Zoom hang out with Greta. This is a great way to connect from the safety of your own home! If your family is interested in participating in this, please [fill out this form](#) so I can organize meetings and meet you soon! Reach out to Greta any time at 531-301-5579 or Greta@MorningStarOmaha.org!



Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated! Click [HERE](#) to donate online, contact your bank to subscribe in billpay or you can still mail your gift to the church!

For Green Envelope offerings, choose the EVANGELISM column and it will be applied to this month's recipient:

Scatter Joy Acres!



JULY SERVICE PROJECT

Our service project to Rejuvenating Women continues through July! Below is a wish list for items to help provide hope and restoration to those enslaved in human trafficking.

Help put an end to human trafficking in Omaha! Learn more about Rejuvenating Women at www.RejuvenatingWomen.com! Click on the list below...

[LIST AVAILABLE HERE!](#)

Church Council HIGHLIGHTS

Morning Star Church Council Highlights:

1. The church will open for in-person services July 19. Thank you to the taskforce for their excellent work in keeping our congregation safe: Cindy Ferris, Kim Hawkins, Jr., Lynn Hedell, Marguerite McGill, Terri Micheels, Laurel Mooney, Kyle Wolfe, Pastor Glenn Schacht and Pastor Chris Hawkins. We will continue to stream live on Facebook for those members who are more comfortable at home.
2. The preschool successfully reopened in June. The first phase was a partial reopening, and the preschool plans for full enrollment in August. They are grateful for supportive parents and the team that worked with them for the reopening.
3. Greta Carlson, our Director of Faith Formation and Family Ministries, has been building relationships with our youth and families. She's working on youth events to bring our youth safely together with appropriate social distancing.



July 26 Readings

Lectionary Texts:

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