



Mid Week Update ~ January 25, 2023



Our Congregation Council has recently revisited Morning Star's weather cancellation policy.

WEEKDAY CANCELLATION POLICY: When local school districts e.g., OPS and Westside, cancel school due to weather related incidents, all scheduled congregational activities will also be cancelled. Our Morning Star Preschool will continue its cancellation policy on a case-by-case basis.

WEEKEND CANCELLATION POLICY: On weekends, when inclement weather affects the potential safety of worshippers traveling to and from church for worship, Pastor Chris and our Executive Committee will determine cancellation on an individual basis. Factors that affect these decisions include forecasted precipitation, hazardous road reports, extreme wind chill, and/or the ability to clear our parking lots and sidewalks of ice and snow for the safety of our worshippers and staff.

We will aim to communicate any worship cancellation at least two hours in advance by “robo” call to our membership as well with WOWT (Channel 6 online/television).



[This Week's Bulletin](#)

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**ANNUAL
REPORT**

Annual Reports are available in the Gathering Space or contact the Church Office to receive a digital copy.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29 at 11:15 AM



We have some small group meetings geared around our redecorating and proposals coming in the next few months. Your input is valuable in conversation and fellowship for these meetings so we are hoping to get as many of our active membership involved as possible. Most meetings will take place at Morning Star. Please sign up as soon as possible in the Gathering Space or call the Church Office!



The Sarah Circle is extending an invitation to EVERYONE to come Thursday, January 26 at 12:30 PM for refreshments and a presentation on building updates. Please RSVP with Janice Hass at 402-397-9366. Messages accepted!



The prayer Shawl team make hand-crafted blankets with God's healing and peace prayed over each one. These are available to all who have need of God's comfort!





Send your kids to Summer Camp!

Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland, NE offers a variety of excellent Lutheran camp options for kids in first grade through high school. This year the theme explores (un)Equal: the three equal but different parts of the Holy Trinity. Explore camp programs and register at CarolJoyHolling.org. Talk to Greta if you are interested and want to know more about going with a Morning Star group! Morning Star offers a \$50 campership for youth from our church.



June 18-23, 2023 Pastor Chris and Greta Carlson will lead a service and justice trip to DC. High School youth (current 8-12th grade) will learn about and experience faith in action in our country's historical, political, and urban sights. Complete the Registration form and return to Greta or the Church office by March 12 with \$50 to secure your spot! The total cost of the trip is \$399 and can be made with a payment schedule. Talk to Greta or Pr. Chris with questions!

[Registration Form](#)

THE HOLE STORY

Bible story time and donuts for all
generations

Second and Fourth Sundays at 9:30am

February 12- The Way We Treat Each Other

February 26- Adam and Eve Eat the Apple

March 12- The Woman at the Well

March 26- What Happened to Lazarus?

No Hole Story on April 9- It's Easter!

April 23- Who's That on the Road to Emmaus?

Final Class: May 7- God's House







Bowling Down Barriers

Bowling Faith Formation Adventure

Sunday, February 19, 2:45-5pm

Maplewood Lanes, 3030 N 101st St, Omaha, NE 68134

Cost is \$20 for youth 4-6th grade, includes pizza

Youth from across Omaha's Lutheran congregations will gather for fellowship, creative learning, bowling, and pizza! Friends are welcome as long as they register. Treats and water provided.

Register and pay with Greta by filling out the Parental Consent form by Thursday, February 9.

[Parental Consent Form](#)



A Trampoline Park faith formation adventure for 4-6th graders in Omaha on Friday, January 27, 7-9 PM at Altitude Trampoline Park (5575 N 90th St). Cost is \$20 per person. Friends are welcome as long as they register. Register and pay with Greta Carlson by filling out the attached form by Wednesday, January 18. **You must fill out Altitude's jump waiver on their website or this

link: <https://altitude.active8pos.com/public/waiver/video?loc=OMAHA>

[Parental Consent Form](#)



2023-2024 Winstrom Youth Service Scholarship applications are now available. Pick one up at the information center in the Gathering Space, go online or contact the Church Office for one. Accredited tech schools DO qualify! Deadline is March 1!

[Scholarship Applications](#)



Table Grace Ministries wants to thank Morning Star for being such a wonderful partner! They are getting ready to launch a new breakfast program at Table Grace Cafe and are inviting you to donate mittens, gloves, or other winter outerwear to patrons who come for breakfast. Items will be blessed at the February 2 Worship Service at Table Grace but donations will be received through February 14. Thank you for your prayers, presence and support of the mission of Table Grace! Contact Simone (917-992-8574 or simonegweber1@gmail.com) with questions.

Beginning February 6, Table Grace Café, (1611 ½ Farnam Street, Omaha), will be from 7 AM to 2 PM for breakfast and lunch (closed Wednesdays & Sundays). They will

serve specialty coffee, pastries, bagels, pizza, soup, salad, and daily specials. You can always pay it forward by donating anytime at [PayPal.me/tablegrace](https://www.paypal.me/tablegrace).

Church Council **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Lenten service times set.
 - Budget approved for recommendation for the congregation.
 - Small group meetings scheduled.
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February

February 5	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	Neil & Cindy
February 12	Jan Zarestky	Jan Zarestky	<i>Available</i>
February 19	Don & Bonnie Daubman	Jon & Sabrina Beck	<i>Available</i>
February 26	<i>Lent ~ No Flowers</i>	<i>Lent ~ No Flowers</i>	<i>Available</i>



"Save the Date March 10th 2023"
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls
Voices of Transformation

Merry Christmas
FROM TABLE GRACE MINISTRIES

Date March 10th, 2022
Time 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Location: St. Thomas Lutheran Church
17007 Q St, Omaha, NE 68135

Table Sponsorship available

HAPPY NEW YEAR

402.965.1276

TABLE GRACE CAFE
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

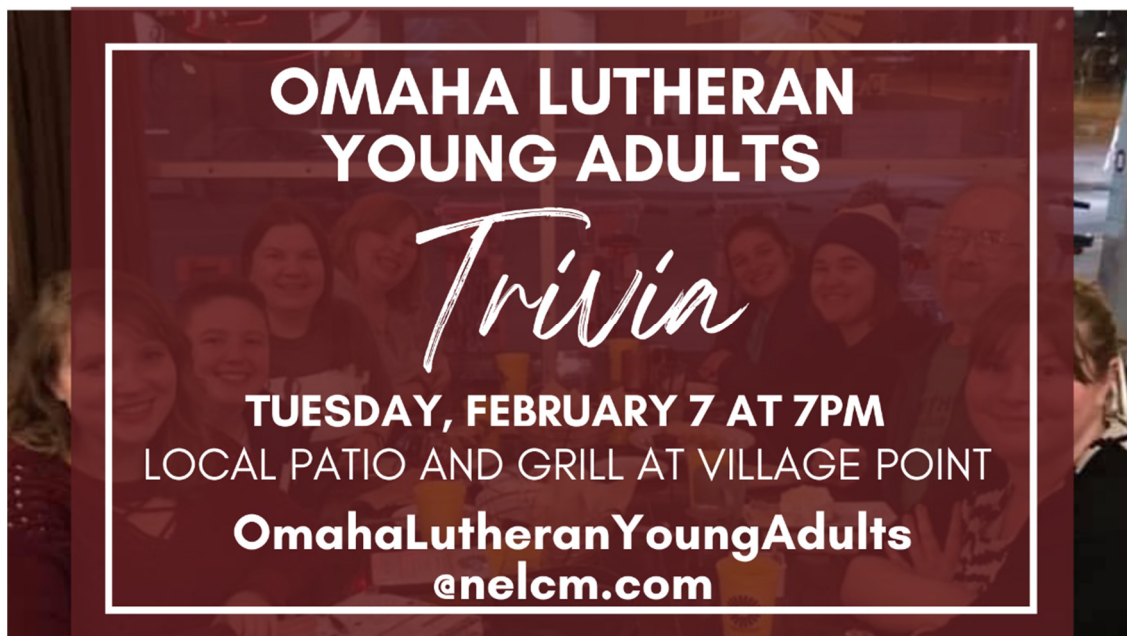
OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. The Church Office is closed on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 for staff meeting.

Check out the newly repaired
Little Free Library
located on the parking island
next to 85th Avenue.

Take a book or leave one. As
always, all books are free!



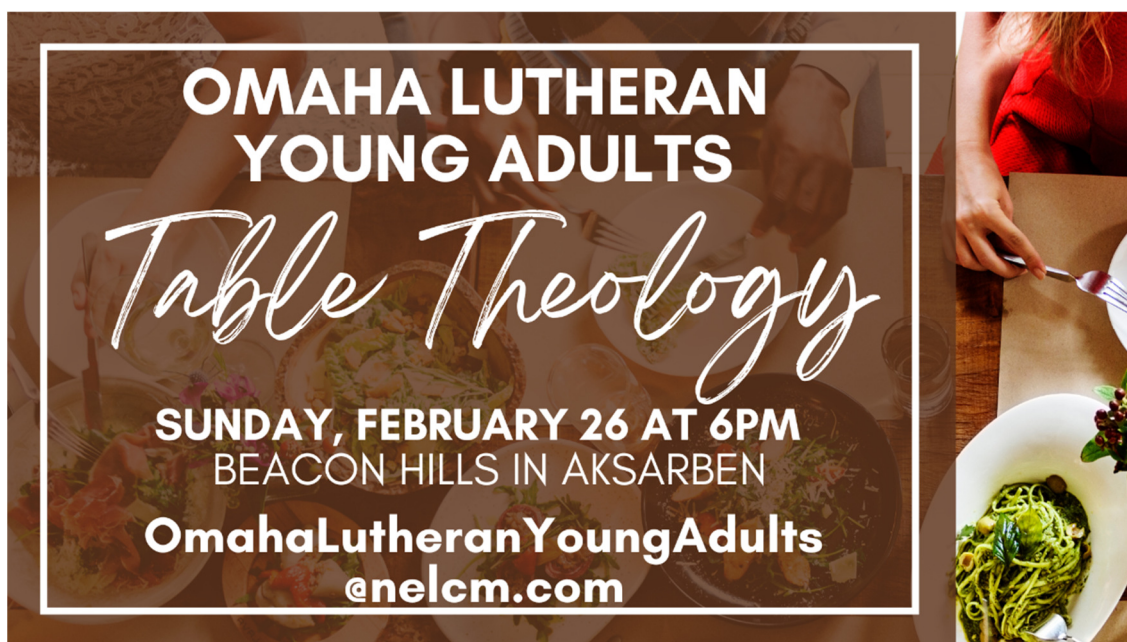


**OMAHA LUTHERAN
YOUNG ADULTS**

Trivia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7PM
LOCAL PATIO AND GRILL AT VILLAGE POINT

OmahaLutheranYoungAdults
@nelcm.com



**OMAHA LUTHERAN
YOUNG ADULTS**

Table Theology

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 6PM
BEACON HILLS IN AKSARBEN

OmahaLutheranYoungAdults
@nelcm.com

View Morning Star's online calendar by clicking below!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 25

10 ^{AM} Bible Study (Conference Room)

12 ^{PM} AI Anon Meeting (Chapel)

6:30 ^{PM} Confirmation (Youth Room)

Thursday, January 26

11:30 ^{AM} Scatter Joy Board Meeting (Conference Room)

12:30 ^{PM} Sarah Circle: Building Presentation (Gathering Space)

7 ^{PM} DBSA Meeting (Chapel, Conference Room & Library)

Friday, January 27

7^{PM} Jump for Jesus (Altitude)

Saturday, January 28

5:30^{PM} Worship

Sunday, January 29

10^{AM} Worship

11:15^{AM} Morning Star's Annual Meeting

Monday, January 30

6:30^{PM} Small Group Meeting (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 31

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

5:30^{PM} AA Meeting Group 1 (Gathering Space)

7^{PM} Dancer's Practice (Fellowship Hall)

8^{PM} AA Meeting Group 2 (Gathering Space)

Wednesday, February 1

10^{AM} Bible Study (Conference Room)

12^{PM} Al Anon Meeting (Chapel)

6:30^{PM} Confirmation (Youth Room)

7:30^{PM} Youth Group (Youth Room)

Thursday, February 2

1:30^{PM} Small Group Meeting (Chapel)

7^{PM} DBSA Meeting (Chapel, Conference Room & Library)

Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

9^{AM} Quilting Group (Gathering Space)

5:30^{PM} Worship

Sunday, February 5

10^{AM} Worship

4^{PM} Small Group Meeting (Chapel)



You are invited to join us **IN PERSON** for Bible Study every Wednesday at 10 AM! We will continue to broadcast on [Facebook LIVE](#) for those who are unable to attend. This week's study texts are:

First Reading [Micah 6:1-8](#)

Psalm [Psalm 15](#)

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 1:18-31](#)

Gospel [Matthew 5:1-12](#)



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