



Mid Week Update ~ February 16, 2021

The Church Office is closed today due to the severe weather. Call 402-393-5553 if you need anything. Thank you!



Join us for

VIRTUAL Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17 at 12 Noon

on [Facebook Live](#) or shortly after on our [website](#).

[Follow along in the Ash Wednesday Bulletin HERE!](#)

The Imposition of Ashes are being offered safely from your vehicle on

Ash Wednesday, February 17

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.



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 21, First Week of Lent

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



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!

H O L Y W E E K

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

Lent for Everyone: Reflections on the Heart

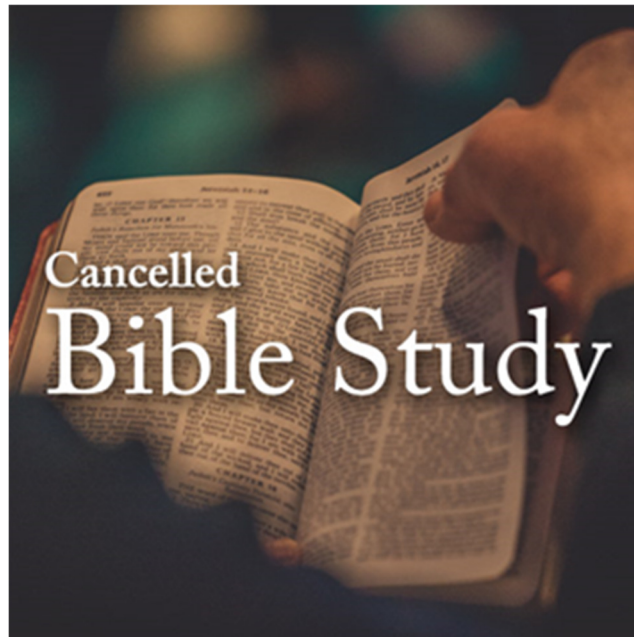
WHEN: Wednesday Evenings during Lent at 6 - 6:45 PM on February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24

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!

Join the Reflections on the Heart Facebook

page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/757260908535722>



***This Wednesday morning's Bible study has been cancelled.
See you next week at 10 AM!***

If you would like to study on your own, here are this week's texts.

Bible Study Sheet

[First Reading Genesis 9:8-17](#)

[Psalms Psalm 25:1-10](#)

[Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

[Gospel Mark 1:9-15](#)



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!



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=PLwj4mZjYZVe2vpRc78D31RIwFDJ6vkNpy>

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

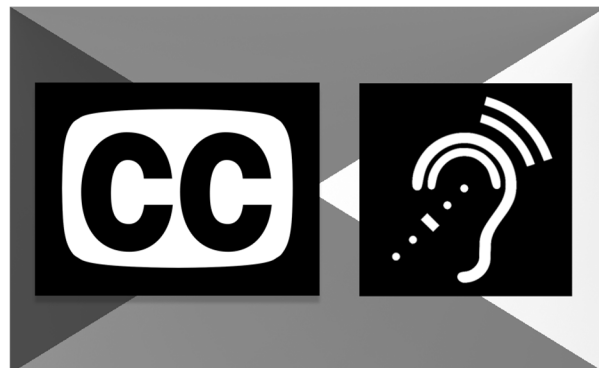
Scholarship Renewal Application

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.

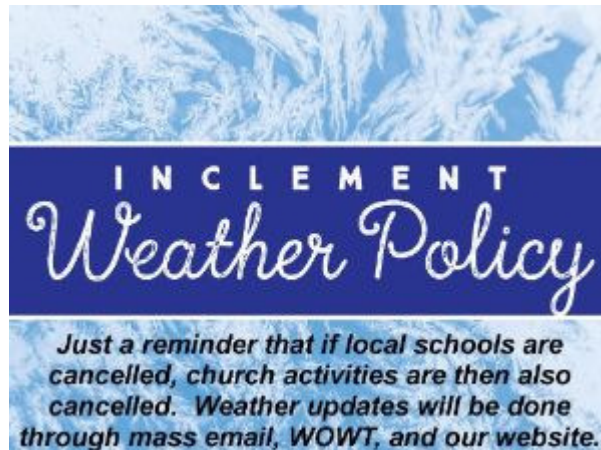
- Work Boots (men's sizes 9 thru 12)
- Bath & Face Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- T-Shirts (M thru 3x)
- Boxers (M thru 3x)
- Shower Shoes (sizes 9 thru 13)
- Long Johns (M thru 3x)
- Sweat Pants (M thru 3x)
- Sweat Shirts (M thru 3x)



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.



This year's kick-off is going virtual in partnership with Thrivent! Come together in support of affordable homeownership in our communities. The first 50 registrants will receive a special gift from Thrivent and Habitat Omaha! All guests who register on or before February 25 will be mailed coffee and biscotti to enjoy during the event. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-coalition-kick-off-registration-137834299099>



Summer Camp is an awesome experience with programs for students K-12th grade! Explore God's call to live FEARLESS (Joshua 1:9) at Camp Carol Joy Holling. View the schedule and register at CarolJoyHolling.org. Talk to Greta for more info or if you are interested in sending your young person with a group from Morning Star.

Youth Events

- Youth Project on Sunday, March 21 at 6^{PM} at the church. We will paint the Alleluia! sign for Easter. Let's get creative!
- Youth Project on Sunday, April 18 at 6^{PM} at the church. We will prepare care packages for local college students with the Outreach Committee for Campus Ministries!



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

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

TABLE GRACE 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

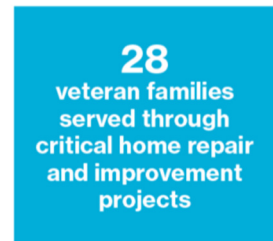
- The Preschool Director Search Committee/Transition Team has been meeting to begin the process to fill the director position due to Susan Snow's retirement.
- The COVID Task Force continues to meet. They are hopeful that the vaccine will be readily available soon. Stay tuned for more information about 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.



Habitat for Humanity of Omaha • 1701 N. 24th Street • Omaha, NE 68110 • 402.457.5657 • habitatomaha.org

View Morning Star's online calendar by clicking below!

Sunday, February 21 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, February 22

Tuesday, February 23

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

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

Wednesday, February 24

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

6 ^{PM} Reflections of the Heart Faith Formation (ZOOM)

Thursday, February 25

7 ^{PM} DBSA (Chapel)

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

Friday, February 26

Saturday, February 27

Sunday, February 28 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

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



February 21 Readings

[First Reading Genesis 9:8-17](#)

[Psalm Psalm 25:1-10](#)

[Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

[Gospel Mark 1:9-15](#)



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