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### Mid Week Update ~ May 12, 2021

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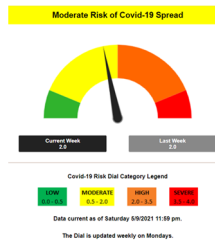
Douglas County Health Department's COVID-19 dial is in the yellow again this week. If it remains in the yellow, we will meet ***IN PERSON on Sunday, May 23 at 10 AM for worship*** per the recommendation of the Church Council and COVID Task Force per the guidelines set last summer.



**Don't forget to wear red for Pentecost!**

We will also be broadcasting on Facebook per usual. Saturday evening services are still pending.

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**Reopening Guidelines**

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[This Week's Bulletin](#)

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Join us Sunday, May 23 for a special Pentecost Worship on the Green at 8:30 AM. Bring your own chairs or blanket and plan to join us on the west lawn as we celebrate Pentecost together. Coffee and other treats are available for purchase from Table Grace's Mobile Food Truck that morning.



Join us for Bible study on [Facebook LIVE](#) or [ZOOM](#) on Wednesdays at 10 AM!

**Bible Study Sheet**

First Reading [Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#)

Psalm [Psalm 1](#)

Second Reading [1 John 5:9-13](#)

Gospel [John 17:6-19](#)



**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!](#)

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Want s'more  
fellowship?

Youth Fire Pit on Sunday, May 23 ~ 6:30 PM  
Come roast some s'mores at our fire pit in the back parking lot.

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Graduating high school or college this spring or summer? This year has been hard enough so let us help you celebrate by letting the Church Office know what school, degree if college or trade school, and what your future plans are!

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**We will send weekly videos with a lesson through the end of May. There is not a supply pack - all of the crafts and activities can be done at home with common household items. If you have any ideas, comments, or questions, please let Greta know! Last week's video is below!**



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Join the Confirmation youth on Saturday, May 15, 9 AM - 3 PM at Camp Carol Joy Holling's Sjogren Center (27416 Ranch Road Ashland, NE). We will explore the Small Catechism, do cool things at camp, and get the Confirmation students together and connecting after a year of Zoom classes. Lunch and snacks provided. Please register by April 29 by telling Greta you plan to attend and by filling out the Parent Consent Form.

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Mark your calendar for VBS this Summer for July 19 - 23 from 9 AM - 12 PM. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles. They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold—it's them! Registration information, safety guidelines, and more details coming soon! Both in-person and virtual options will be available.

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# ANNUAL MEETING

Morning Star Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, June 13 ~ 11:30 AM

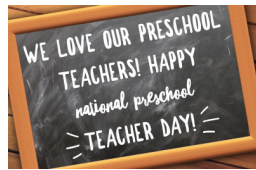


Summer Camp is an awesome experience for K-12th grade! Join us to explore God's call to live FEARLESS through Joshua 1:9.

Greta is getting a Morning Star group together to go the week of June 27- July 2! Want to go with other Morning Star kids for a week of fun, Jesus, and friends? View the schedule, register and see COVID-19 adjustments at [CarolJoyHolling.org](http://CarolJoyHolling.org).

Talk to Greta if you're interested in learning more. Morning Star is offering a \$50 campership for members!

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**May Service Project**

It's not too late to shower our teachers with love this year. Please consider sending a note of thanks or individually wrapped goodies to the Preschool to be shared with our hard working teachers! Call the Preschool office to find out limitations.

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Morning Star will host Food Trucks, including Table Grace's Mobile Food Truck, on Thursday, June 17 from 10:30<sup>AM</sup> to 2:30<sup>PM</sup> to provide lunch for our Preschool Staff. Drop in to check out the fun. Place an order to support Table Grace!

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May 2	Nancy Sweetwood	Sandy Heskett	<b>Available</b>
May 9	Rod & Cindy Anderson	Diane Konvalina	<b>Available</b>
May 16	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
May 23	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Available</b>
May 30	Ric & Pam Miller	Ric & Pam Miller	<b>Available</b>

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## **Council Highlights &** **CELEBRATION**

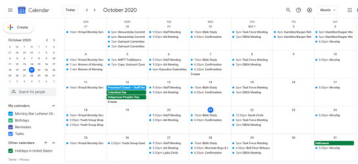
1. Easter services were well attended. The outdoor sunrise service was beautiful. The Easter 10am worship was viewed 350 times on Facebook.
2. Bishop Maas and the Nebraska Synod continue to recommend virtual worship. We'll be sending a survey to members to determine interest in outdoor services this summer. We look forward to hearing from you!
3. We're excited to share we've hired a new preschool director; we'll be sharing additional information soon.
4. We will ordering new bibles for our pews provided through a memorial for Bob Sweetwood.



***The Church Office & Preschool are closed  
Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.***

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View Morning Star's online calendar by clicking below!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Wednesday, May 12**

10:00<sup>AM</sup> Bible Study (ZOOM & Facebook Live)  
6:30<sup>PM</sup> Confirmation (ZOOM)

### **Thursday, May 13**

4:30<sup>PM</sup> Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)  
7<sup>PM</sup> DBSA (Chapel)  
7:30<sup>PM</sup> Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Friday, May 14**

4:30<sup>PM</sup> Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary)

### **Saturday, May 15**

9<sup>AM</sup> Confirmation Retreat (Camp Carol Joy Holling)

### **Sunday, May 16**

10<sup>AM</sup> Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

### **Monday, May 17**

7<sup>PM</sup> Outreach Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

### **Tuesday, May 18**

9:30<sup>AM</sup> Staff Meeting (Lg Conf Room)  
5:30<sup>PM</sup> Personnel Committee Meeting (ZOOM)  
5:30<sup>PM</sup> AA Meeting (Chapel)

### **Wednesday, May 19**

10:00<sup>AM</sup> Bible Study (ZOOM & Facebook Live)

### **Thursday, May 20**

5<sup>PM</sup> Preschool Transition Team Meeting (ZOOM)  
7<sup>PM</sup> DBSA (Chapel)

### **Friday, May 21**

### **Saturday, May 22**

### **Sunday, May 23 ~ Day of Pentecost**

10<sup>AM</sup> Worship (Sanctuary & Facebook Live)

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***May 16 Readings***

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Psalm [Psalm 1](#)

Second Reading [1 John 5:9-13](#)

Gospel [John 17:6-19](#)

